

Druze Calls For New Formula With Guarantees For Israel

By Marvin Howe
New York Times Service

ATHENS — The Lebanese Druze leader, Walid Jumblat, called Wednesday for "a new formula" that would guarantee Lebanon's independence as well as the security of Israel's northern border.

The Lebanese opposition leader said that his recent move to set up a local administration in the Chouf mountains was not a "separatist" action and stressed that he was ready to cooperate with the central Lebanese government.

Mr. Jumblat said at a news conference here that he had come to thank Greece's Socialist government and people for their support and understanding of the Lebanese problem. The Greek government

had seen the dangers of the Lebanon-Israeli agreement governing Israeli troop withdrawal from Lebanon, the Druze chief said.

"The parties concerned or to be involved in the National Dialogue should find another formula," Mr. Jumblat said, adding that the opposition does not consider the Israeli-Lebanese treaty viable.

In what appeared to be a new, conciliatory position, the Druze leader said that a new formula could preserve Lebanese independence and "guarantee the so-called peace of Galilee," an indirect reference to Israel's northern border with Lebanon.

At the same time, he said that Lebanon's "jungas are in the Arab world" and that neighboring Syria's economic and security interests

were under way to create a "neutral observation force" to oversee the truce that began Sept. 26 after three weeks of civil war.]

Tanks Blast Shiite Positions

Army tanks blasted Shiite Moslem positions in the southern Beirut suburbs Wednesday after sniping and rocket-grenade fire at army posts nearby. The Associated Press reported from Beirut.

Police in Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Beirut, said six persons were killed as pro-Syrian Alawite and anti-Syrian Sunni militiamen battled through the night Tuesday with mortars, rockets and machine guns.

The cease-fire violations prompted Saudi Arabia, which helped negotiate the latest truce, to warn that the civil war could be reignited.

Republicans in Senate Warn Reagan on Watt

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leaders have let the White House know that if Interior Secretary James G. Watt does not quit soon, they will be unable to block what could be an overwhelming vote calling for his dismissal, Republican congressional sources said Wednesday.

But President Ronald Reagan, meeting with a group of newspaper publishers, stuck by Mr. Watt, saying that he "has done a fine job for our country." The interior secretary has come under fire for characterizing opponents to an advisory panel as "a black . . . a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

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Yugoslavia May Ban Tito Mementos

Reuters

BELGRADE — The wearing of teeshirts, badges and tiepins bearing the name or picture of the late President Tito would be banned under a proposed new law in Yugoslavia.

The newspaper Politika said Wednesday that the draft law, which is to be debated later this year, was aimed at preventing Tito's name from being exploited for commercial profit.

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Kohl Begins Mideast Tour in Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany arrived in Jordan on Wednesday at the start of a three-nation Mideast tour designed to promote Bonn's ties with Arab states and discuss Mideast peace prospects.

Mr. Kohl was welcomed in Amman by Prime Minister Mudar Badran as a Jordanian military band played a waltz.

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Schools in U.S. Seeking Funds To Eliminate Asbestos Hazard

By William E. Schmidt
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — There is growing alarm among education officials across the United States over where they will get the money to remove potentially dangerous asbestos insulation from local school buildings.

An internal EPA report that came to light last week showed that more than half the nation's 85,000 public and 20,000 private schools had failed to comply fully with federal rules requiring them to identify and report on any asbestos in school buildings by June 28.

Current EPA regulations do not require schools to remove the loose or flaking asbestos. Instead, the agency says, the districts must notify employees and parent-teacher organizations of the presence of asbestos in school buildings.

It is widely believed that the cost of asbestos abatement programs is one of the main reasons that so many districts have not complied. Many smaller districts fear that they do not have the resources to follow through with remedial actions and are therefore hesitant to pursue them.

Most school districts are already facing budget problems as a result of earlier cutbacks in state and federal money. In Jackson, for example, voters rejected bond issues twice in the past eight months for repair and construction programs.

Though some states have offered money to help local districts with removal programs, the largest share of the cost of removing the asbestos has been borne by taxpayers in the individual school districts. There has been no federal assistance, although Congress is now studying a plan to set up a \$50-million fund to provide local districts interest-free loans for asbestos removal.

The danger in schools and other public buildings is that asbestos insulating pipes or ceilings will begin to crumble, releasing fibers into the air. The asbestos fibers, once inside the lungs, usually stay there.

The Department of Education

report, prepared in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of a Senate committee, concedes that federal officials have no hard data to confirm their cost figures. But it estimates that removal will cost an average of \$100,000 per school building.

"But this is not enough of a justification not to do the studies, or to refuse to disclose the dangers."

He blamed the Reagan administration for the low reported rate of compliance, because it has planned no measures to make districts say if their schools have asbestos.

"This administration has sent a clear signal to the schools that asbestos is just not that important a problem," Mr. Miller said.

Dwight Brown, asbestos coordinator for a regional office of the EPA in Atlanta, said the failure of many school districts to deal with the threat is likely to make them increasingly vulnerable to lawsuits from former students or school employees seeking to blame subsequent cancers or other illnesses on exposure to asbestos in school buildings.

Mr. Brown said school officials

were "guilty of either negligence or malfeasance or both." He said that a school district that knows of the presence of asbestos but does nothing to get rid of it is not only continuing to expose children to a known health hazard, but also has created "a lawsuit waiting to happen."

More than 10,000 suits have been filed in the past decade against asbestos manufacturers by workers who blamed their illnesses on exposure in the workplace. Many of the suits involved those who worked with asbestos in U.S. Navy shipyards in World War II.

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TOKYO PROTEST — About 7,500 Japanese farmers, including these on a lunch break, demonstrated Wednesday to pressure the government to stand firm against the liberalization of agricultural quotas. Trade talks will be held in Washington next week.

Rewards in U.S. Gun Control Laws Sought by Reagan Administration

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has asked the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve a bill that would make major changes in the U.S. gun control laws, including allowing interstate mail-order sales of weapons for the first time in 15 years.

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criminals and would-be assassins."

The legislation provides that the buyer and the seller of a gun should meet to negotiate the sale before the weapon is mailed, but Mr. Shields said that provision would be "unenforceable."

Other provisions of the legisla-

tion would:

- Lift the ban on out-of-state

weapons purchases, which are now

limited to federally licensed dea-

lers, manufacturers, importers and

collectors, and permit private, un-

recorded sales of weapons between

individuals in different states if no

law is violated.

- Allow the authorities to seize

only the weapon used in a crime,

even if a suspect owned others.

- Narrow the definition of gun

dealer. Critics of the legislation

point out that pawnbrokers would

not be considered gun dealers under the new definition because they sell other products.

- End routine inspections of gun

dealers' sales records by the federal

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms, and require a search war-

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Weinberger's Courting Of Chinese Wasn't Easy

By Fred Hiart
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, one of the most combative and Communists in one of the world's most anti-Communist governments, last week brought his gospel to the world's largest Communist country. If he saw any irony in the trip, he never let on.

For five days, Mr. Weinberger listened politely to lectures about the correct behavior of a people's

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liberation army and dutifully drove in proletarian limousines with red flags fluttering from the hood.

All the while he tried to educate the Chinese to fear what he sees as the world's greatest threat, the Soviet Union. He made clear that he feels that any country that can be signed up against the Russians — no matter how alien its political system or exacerbating its diplomacy — should be courted, enlisted and given weapons to do the job.

But it was not an easy courtship.

To some extent, the confusion resulted simply from the meeting of two cultures. During his around-the-world trip, after all, Mr. Weinberger was equally hard put to respond when his Japanese counterpart toasted him with a poem about the beauty of the moon shrouded by clouds, or when tribal elders in Pakistan presented him with two live sheep, garishly dyed and covered in Afghan cloth.

The Chinese kept the secretary guessing. They left chunks of his schedule blank, leaving him to wonder whether he would be allowed to see Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang or the party chairman, Deng Xiaoping.

Defense Minister Zhang Aiping greeted him with lectures on the virtues of an independent course and left little doubt about who was seeking favors from whom.

"When a guest comes from afar, we expect him to bring good news," Mr. Zhang said as their first meeting.

Mr. Weinberger was not disengaged. At his last banquet in Xian, when the official Beijing

hosts had ended and his hosts toasted him with nothing but bland tributes to friendship between nations, the defense secretary could not resist one more educational effort.

"The first emperor of China lived here," he said, "and built the Great Wall of China to defend against the greatest threat of his time."

"Coincidentally, at that time, the threat also came from the north," Mr. Weinberger said. Today, he said, the threat was from the same direction, adding that he hoped that, with U.S. assistance, the Chinese would build "a great wall of steel" to meet it.

City-Owned Nativity Scene Is Legal, Reagan Official Tells High Court

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — One of the Reagan administration's top legal officials has argued before the Supreme Court that the U.S. Constitution permits a local government to include a Nativity scene as part of an official Christmas display. It was the latest of several recent instances in which the Reagan administration had asked the high court to relax the legal boundaries between church and state.

Solicitor General Rex E. Lee contended Tuesday that a federal appeals court was wrong when it ruled a year ago that the display of a city-owned creche by Pawtucket, Rhode Island, violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state. Mr. Lee said the life-size creche, part of a larger display that included a tree, a Santa Claus and other more secular Christmas symbols, was a "constitutionally permissible governmental acknowledgment of an important part of the American heritage."

The Nativity scene was challenged in federal court by a group of local residents and the American Civil Liberties Union. After the Supreme Court agreed to hear Pawtucket's appeal, the Reagan administration entered the case as a friend of the court in Pawtucket's behalf.

The Versace Collection: A Study in Asymmetry

By Hebe Dorsey
International Herald Tribune

MILAN — Gianni Versace emerged Wednesday as Milan's most sophisticated designer, as well as its gutsiest. He is also the most accomplished and versatile designer, who can do sportswear as well as evening dresses.

His strong signature is now interna-

tional, thanks to a lot of work and quite a bit of money. For Mi-

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lan is a big-bucks story and Versace does not mind spending \$1.2 million a year on promotion and advertising.

It has paid off in patronage, and his name is now linked with a young and beautiful group, including many show business people, such as Candice Bergen and Barbara Streisand. Last week, Princess Caroline of Monaco, who has just agreed to be guest editor for the Christmas issue of French Vogue, ordered 12 dresses from Versace. She will pose for an official portrait by Richard Avedon in one of Versace's metal mesh dresses.

Wednesday's collection gave some vigor back to Milan and had buyers raving at the end of the show.

"I love all the dresses," said Ellen Saltzman, vice president of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Don Morton, formerly with Marshall Field and now an independent consultant, rated Ver-

sace's "four-star collection."

Versace did a long skirt — slim

suit, asymmetrical. Jackets were asymmetrical, too, and very long in the back, which gave them a poncho look. A navy poplin with knit cuffs and strong leather belt was particularly attractive. At night, these irregular jackets, dipping even farther, almost reached the floor.

In a country of tailors, Versace displayed a successful hand at draping, which was used throughout on silk and leather, in swim-



Joe D'Urso

Versace's irregularly cut blue leather jacket with white-and-blue knit insets, blue leather pants and headband.

they flow like water, they weigh like

In tune with Milan's mood, Ver-

sace's collection is very much into elegance. Well edited, with a less-is-better approach, it is impeccably accessorized. Heads are enclosed in black leather bandanas and caught with huge crystal buckles. Gloves and shoes are perfectly matched. Jewelry is in simple, geometric shapes.

Unlike other collections, which were drawn in black and gray, Versace showed color, including a cheery purple and raspberry.

Laure Biagiotti's collection was all over the map, including a brief moment at Chanel's. Her forte was the short cashmere dress cut very full with even fuller, tiered Picoté collars. In a hot mixture of reds, the dresses came off quite well.

There is a little girl sleeping in Biagiotti's heart, which accounted for full-blown and tiered dresses, printed with childlike blocks and set off with little ribbons in the hair. One of her best ideas was the linen blouse with argyle patterns to be worn over bi- and tricolor bathingsuits.

At the end, a soutache belt look, with scooped-out shoulders, was followed by Biagiotti's suggestion for Rome policemen, which was more colorful and less chic than the one Lagerfeld did for Olivetti on Tuesday.

As for Luciano Soprani, these are people who say he will grow old. In the meantime, his collection is ultraclassic, demonstrating, as if there were any need, that there are too many pinstripes in Milan. But Soprani knows how to cut a pretty blouse, and his palette is attractive, with khaki and purple an unusual combination.

He also designs Grace's collection these days, as well as Basile, and all three are not exactly sailing

on fashion adventures.

On the party circuit, Andy Warhol came from New York to inaugurate his retrospective of Italian designers' portraits with a big bash Friday.

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Democratic Confidence

The health of parliamentary democracy came under scrutiny this week in Strasbourg, where the Parliamentary Assembly of the 21-nation Council of Europe has been holding a conference on the problems and outlook for representative government.

An assumption behind this conference is that the democratic system is under pressure not only from its announced enemies — authoritarian and despotic governments, or terrorist organizations — but also from certain developments within the democratic countries. These include the resort to extra-legal forms of protest; single-issue political organization and voting; the influence of the media on politics, and the disillusionment with democratic government that can follow failure to deal successfully with economic crisis — to remedy unemployment, control inflation, pay for social security.

Those are indeed serious issues, yet it strikes us that one of the most impressive things about Western political life in the last decade or two has been the resilience and resourcefulness demonstrated by the parliamentary system. On the whole, in our view, it has not been losing ground, but gaining it.

In not one of the established representative democracies has the system really faltered or even been seriously threatened.

Terrorism in West Germany and Italy was mastered morally as well as practically, without lasting damage to constitutional legality. The economic crisis that began in 1973 has not provoked the rise of anti-

democratic parties; the comparison with what happened after World War I and in the depression of the 1930s is striking. An abuse of executive power in the United States was dramatically and democratically checked in the Watergate events and their aftermath.

The community of parliamentary nations has been augmented. Portugal awoke from years of authoritarian government to a revolution, but the result was installation of parliamentary rule. Spain has triumphantly moved into a new order of constitutional monarchy. Indian democracy survived the period of Mrs. Gandhi's emergency powers.

The rule of the colonels in Greece ended in disorder and disgrace, and democracy returned. Chile and Argentina today may be edging back toward parliamentary rule.

In recent years it has been the undemocratic nations that have seen the most internal disorder — the places where people have become desperate, as in Poland, or have turned to large-scale violence, as in Afghanistan, Iran, Central America, Southeast Asia.

The demands made upon governments are undoubtedly complex, and it is true that the democracies have fallen short in important ways. But the larger truth, which must not become obscured, is that parliamentary democracy continues to be more successful than any of its rivals in responding to modern challenges. Compliance is not called for, but there is reason to face the future with confidence.

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Reagan's New Position

Despite changes on the American side, the Russians yielded nothing of substance in the last round of the strategic missile (START) talks, Ronald Reagan says. To move them off the dime, he offers further changes now. It is an approach that, some of the faithful are likely to remind him, he might have scorned in the past. Other Americans, whose main concern is for a good agreement, can only be gratified that he is reaching out to address the Kremlin's main strategic concerns, even as he bows it down to his own.

Keep in mind the familiar and, in the past, not unjustified complaint that Mr. Reagan, in pursuit of an illusory superiority, sought to limit Soviet advantages without affecting American ones. Theoretically, the initiative he announced on Tuesday would seem to dissolve that complaint. We say "theoretically" since the numbers have yet to be filled in and the process of a negotiation can go wrong in many ways. But the concepts look promising.

Mr. Reagan now offers two schemes for arms reductions. The first, reflecting the evolution of his initial approach, is to negotiate "trade-offs" of the strengths of the two sides — the destructive capacity of Soviet missiles, for instance, and the superiority of American bombers and bomber missiles. The second scheme, formally unveiled on Tuesday, is to write into the U.S. proposals a "build-down" replacing old weapons to be cut as new and presumably more stable ones are deployed.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

The United States and China

After two and a half years of deterioration, Sino-American relations took a great leap forward last week when President Reagan and Premier Zhao Ziyang agreed to exchange visits in early 1984. The breakthrough can produce major political and economic gains.

China believes its interests lie in non-confrontational relations with both Moscow and Washington. That's fine. It needs to devote more attention to modernization and economic growth. That can make China a major player in the global strategic balance and promote stability in Asia. Both sides should cooperate on reaching that goal.

— The Chicago Sun-Times.

In spite of the parallels that exist between Chinese and American interests, Beijing has no intention of acquiring the image of an American ally. Its main concern is to act as a counterweight in maintaining a balance between Moscow and Washington. But if that balance should ever shift markedly in favor of the United States, one of the questions Beijing will certainly raise in an attempt to restore equilibrium will be that of Taiwan.

— Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

FROM OUR OCT. 6 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1908: Bulgaria Claims Independence
CONSTANTINOPLE — It was nearly five o'clock [on Oct. 5] before the Porte, the Embassies and the Bulgarian Diplomatic Agency received confirmation that Prince Ferdinand had proclaimed the independence of Bulgaria at Tarnovo at midday. Kiamil Pasha immediately called a meeting of the Ministerial Council, which decided to submit to the Sultan a protest addressed to the Great Powers decrying the action contrary to the Treaty of Berlin. A violent scene took place between Kiamil Pasha and Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the Grand Vizier having reproached the Ambassador that Austria, an ally of Germany, had combined with Bulgaria for the proclamation of the independence of the principality in order to take advantage of the circumstance to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1933: Tammany Hall Stunned
NEW YORK — Tammany was dealt a crushing blow when the Bronx Democratic committee voted unanimously to bolt the ticket headed by Mayor John P. O'Brien and support Joseph V. McKee, an independent Democrat. The revolt, engineered by Edward J. Flynn, McKee's political mentor and a close friend of President Roosevelt, put a united Bronx machine behind McKee. A second blow to the Tammany cause, which left old Hall leaders more stunned than the Bronx move, was the announcement by McKee that James J. H. Hoey, Governor Alfred E. Smith's floor manager at the presidential nominating convention last year, had agreed to run on the McKee ticket for the borough presidency of Manhattan. Just where the Fusion forces led by Fiorello LaGuardia fit in is doubtful at this moment.

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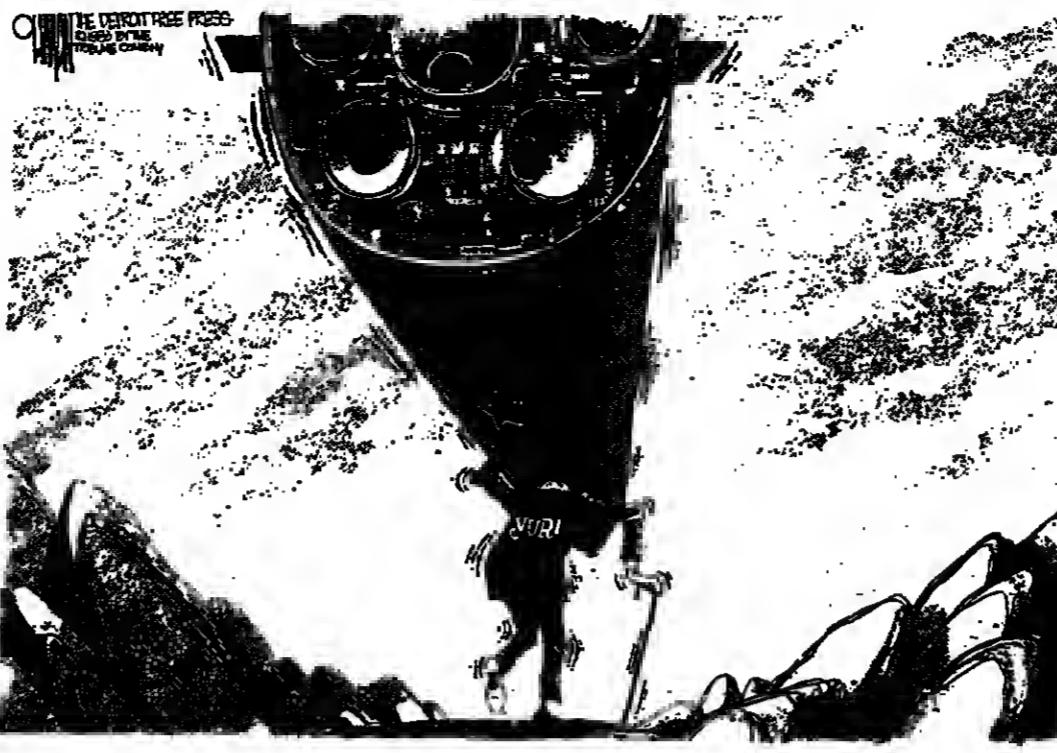
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Why Can't the Kremlin See Its Interest?

WASHINGTON — Sometimes things have to get a little scary before anybody pays much attention. This may be happening in Washington now with regard to U.S.-Soviet relations, although it is not yet seen to be happening in Moscow.

President Reagan is singing a gentler tune, and once in a while Speaker O'Neill thinks they should sing it together. For the first time in this administration the leaders of the executive and Congress agreed in advance on a new set of nuclear arms control proposals to be placed before the Soviet negotiations in Geneva.

These were approved in consultation with the NATO allies. The proposals were not all that different from previous Reagan suggestions rejected by Moscow, but the president's approach and tone were different.

He told Yuri Andropov, in effect: Look, there is no way either of us can get everything we want. But maybe, step by step, we can get something: a brake on the development of more nuclear weapons, adding it to a second double emphasis on strategic stability and negotiability. The result is a proposal at once better tailored to diverse U.S. interests and more certain of congressional and public backing.

Mr. Reagan has been making analogous changes in the talks with the Russians on missiles in Europe. A measure of his success is the Kremlin's fresh protest that the Europeans are becoming "parties to the U.S. conspiracy."

The START prospect was uncertain even before the South Korean plane disaster. But Mr. Reagan acted the leader in keeping his balance and ensuring that the Washington debate over his START policy stayed open. In roughly similar circumstances, Lyndon Johnson postponed his planned arms control debut, and Jimmy Carter could not sustain the drive to have SALT-2 ratified.

At present, Mr. Reagan has two of the three ingredients of real progress: an evolving position and growing support for it. What he does not yet have is a Soviet partner.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Mr. Reagan is changing his tune because his fiery rhetoric was beginning to worry the British, the West Germans and the Italians, on whose territory the new American cruise and Pershing-2 nuclear weapons will be placed in a few weeks. And also because the people of the United States were beginning to think that maybe America was drifting into deep and dangerous waters.

This is Mr. Reagan's dilemma: When he sounds too tough he is attacked at home, and when he tries to compromise the Soviets regard it as a sign of weakness. They then try to exploit his conciliatory attitude to tighten the allies and separate Western Europe from America, which has been their main political objective since the end of World War II.

But the Soviet Union misjudges both the United States and Western Europe. There was a time when many West Europeans thought that the Soviet Communists had an answer to the puzzles of modern life; but the Soviets have made such a spectacular failure of their lives that even the Communist parties of Western Europe no longer regard the Soviet Union as a model for their countries. The Soviets are failing further and

further behind in the computerized world in every field except the production of military missiles.

Mr. Andropov is no dummy. He has been trying to change the Soviet system, and to raise production on the land and in the factories, and to control inefficiency, absenteeism and drunkenness. But he is in trouble at home and in his East European empire, where the people hear the news — especially in East Germany, and where people are beginning to know that life is better on the other side and are beginning to dream of uniting the German state.

Probably within the next few weeks, before the U.S. missiles are put in place in Europe, Moscow will offer to withdraw or destroy some of its SS-20 missiles if Mr. Reagan and the allies will agree to hold up the new deployment for a while.

That is not likely to be acceptable in Washington. America and its NATO allies, despite the opposition of the "peace movement," are determined to maintain a balance of nuclear power in Europe until the day, if it ever comes, when the Soviet Union

agrees to reduce, verify and control all weapons of mass destruction.

What is surprising and troubling is that the Soviets have so much to gain by cooperating with America rather than by opposing it, but don't seem to recognize the possibilities.

So Washington waits and wonders if the crisis in relations with Moscow will make officials there reflect on the dangers of the present mood and bring them back to Geneva with a practical if not ideal proposals for the limitation of nuclear weapons.

Unlike Mr. Reagan, they are not under the pressure of public opinion or elections — but they have memories. They lost more than 30 million lives in the two world wars, and no one knows how many wounded bodies and minds. And a little more news is beginning to seep through the Iron Curtain to their own and their captive peoples in Eastern Europe.

At least the Soviet people know that they are not selling grain to the West, that people are not trying to get into the Soviet Union but trying to get out, and that, whatever else the West does, it doesn't shoot down helpless civilian planes.

The New York Times.

Torture, by All Accounts, Won't Just Go Away

By Jonathan Power

LONDON — Argentina's military government has approved a law granting the military and the police immunity from prosecution for crimes committed during the years of military repression. Few in Argentina dispute the fact that hundreds of leftists and their sympathizers were killed and thousands were tortured during the years of military rule.

Maybe the elections set for the end of the month will bring to government true democrats who will once and for all rid the country of its less than appealing traditions. There is a good chance, though, that the Peronists will return to power, and scrupulous democratic behavior is not exactly their trademark.

At an international colloquium on how to combat torture, held in Geneva earlier this year, François de Vargas observed that although some rare examples to the contrary exist in contemporary history, in general the practice of torture continues even after change in government. Either the new government has an equal disrespect for human rights, as in Ethiopia and Iran, or the same police system survives and the new government is unable or unwilling to change it, as in Uganda and Equatorial Guinea.

Torture, the systematic use of violence to inflict maximum pain in order to extract information, break resistance or simply intimidate, is a product of civilization. Primitive man, in animal fashion, seems to have followed his instincts

and killed his enemy as swiftly as the job could be done. Archaeologists who have dug up prehistoric skeletons have found no evidence of torture. Even human sacrifices were made without prolonged suffering. It appears, then, that man existed for several hundred thousand years without using torture, and that only in the last few thousand years has it become a weapon of state.

Egon Larson, who has made a study of the subject, writes that the great Roman and Greek civilizations left detailed records of torture. Both prohibited torture for citizens but permitted it for others. In ancient Athens the testimony of a slave was not considered reliable unless he had been tortured. Rome tortured the early Christians and sent them into the arenas to fight with lions; as Rome became increasingly despotic in its later years, even the free man could be tortured for a wide range of offenses.

The Christian Church, repelled by Rome's torture of Christians, for a thousand years used its strength in Europe to abolish torture. Until the time of Pope Innocent IV in the 13th century.

Indeed the European imperial powers did much to dampen down its uses in the many parts of the world where they had their empires.

Then torture returned with vengeance in the 20th century. It has reached a scale that dwarfs even the darkest of the Middle Ages.

In the civil war that followed the Russian Revolution, torture was used sporadically. It was Mussolini's fascists that were the first government in the 20th century to make torture an official policy of state.

Much torture these days seems to have bizarre sexual ingredients. It was the Marquis de Sade two centuries ago who gave his name to sadism, the sexual enjoyment of cruelty. It appears that when torture becomes part of the police apparatus of a state, sadists are attracted to it, or the latent sadism that exists in many humans is brought to the fore and given license.

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Is the world now more civilized or less?

International Herald Tribune.

By Jean Herskovits

New York — As the United States and the other IMF members wrangle over the U.S. contribution, the fund risks jeopardizing one of its key roles — stabilizing the economies of developing countries beset by global recession.

The fund requires any political role or political criteria for lending, but its support is sometimes vital for recipient countries trying to consolidate democracy. It must not now abandon this role in poor Nigeria, where a fledgling democracy is trying to weather severe economic difficulties.

In his first term he launched an as yet rhetorical campaign against corruption, but he himself despairs at how hard it will be to eliminate it. This term he must do more.

He insists that this time he will choose his own cabinet and advisers: no lists from party branches, no lob-

bying on the basis of results delivered. His party has a majority in both the Senate and the House.

But to succeed, his program must be accompanied by economic stability. He recognizes this and accords economic questions a top priority. Even during the election campaign he did not lift tough austerity measures, meeting some of the conditions for a \$2-billion IMF program even before negotiations were begun.

There is a limit to what he can do. Oil revenues are improving as the world moves out of recession, but the slow pace of recovery, global conservation and quotas set by OPEC mean that Nigeria's foreign debt problems will not disappear quickly, despite the basic soundness of its economy.

An imminent agreement with the IMF was expected to open the way to solutions. Instead, for the first time ever, a lack of funds threatens to halt all of the fund's new stabilization.

The obstacle is America, the only major contributor failing to authorize its quota subscription and thereby threatening the fund's liquidity. Nigeria will be an immediate victim.

Nigeria has never asked a foreign country to solve their problems, nor do they ask it now. But they are entitled to ask that those countries that say they value democracy do not compound those problems.

The writer, a professor of history at the State University of New York at Purchase, visited Nigeria during the recent elections and contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions Remain

Regarding "RC-135 + KAL 007 = Some Questions" (IHT, Sept. 16):

On the evening when the Korean Air Lines tragedy was reported, Swedish television showed an interview with a Swedish airline pilot. He said that, given the navigational equipment the Boeing 747's carry nowadays, it was conceivable to him that such a plane could just stray hundreds of miles off course.

As the din of propaganda flying in both directions went up, no one seemed to be asking how that happened. But American hawks had a field day, getting congressional approval for the MX missiles and nerve gas. And it can be predicted that the stationing of new missiles around Western Europe this fall will go down a little more easily than it would have before that catastrophe.

Now we read that the RC-135 reconnaissance plane that was in the area presumably had the capability to head off the disaster and didn't. We

must press the U.S. government to address the question squarely: How did KAL flight 007 go off course?

LEO TREITLER
 Stockholm</

Cancer Puts the G
a Nuclear Free

David H. Burton Jr.
from a letter he sent to President Reagan
in his hometown, Lexington, Massachusetts

If you have
to go to the
Nuclear
base, I would
like to see that
there is an
exercise.

What then, you may wonder,
is the purpose of such an exercise?

It is to test strategic
as well as nuclear
shells.

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The busy Castle Peak port area, above. Below, students at the Chan Shui Kui school at play; at right, a young boy in a crowd.

A Preoccupation With Beijing And the Future

By Dinah Lee

HONG KONG — It took a typhoon in September to supplant the No. 1 topic of conversation in Hong Kong. Even as the storm raged, killing eight persons, running 24 ships aground and causing millions of dollars in damage, some residents may still have been preoccupied with the question of the year: What will happen to Hong Kong after 1997?

The future of Hong Kong, the world's third largest financial center and a leading exporter of garments, toys, radio receivers, and watches, hangs on that date, when the agreement with China ceding 90 percent of the territory to Britain expires.

To the millions of Chinese who have prospered here, it sometimes seems as preposterous a situation as it would if the city were Geneva, Rio de Janeiro or San Francisco. If from time to time the Beijing government has said that Hong Kong was really part of mainland China, or if a royal parade wrangled, local entrepreneurs could still reach into their wallets to reassure themselves that they could tolerate both Beijing's political pronouncements and Britain's colonial laissez-faire government. The fiction was perfectly balanced.

Manufacturing investment from the United States at 3.5 billion Hong Kong dollars, from Japan at 2.3 billion Hong Kong dollars and from the United Kingdom at 450 million Hong Kong dollars made the colony richer. Now, Beijing, watchful of possible reaction from Taiwan as well as on domestic politics, appears determined to take the colony back without diminishing its potential for creating wealth.

China has declared that on July 1, 1997, the expiration date of the 99-year lease to Britain of the New Territories, the sovereignty and administration of Hong Kong will pass into its hands.

Hong Kong, once a trading post for opium, consists of Hong Kong Island, the 30-square-mile (77-square-kilometer) business center of the colony, and Kowloon peninsula, four square miles (10 square kilometers), the manufacturing center, both of which were ceded in perpetuity by treaties in 1842 and 1860. The third element, the New Territories, consists of 375 square miles (970 square kilometers) of adjacent mainland and islands, leased in 1898 for 99 years. There is no water or food supply to speak of, nor are there energy resources independent of the New Territories. China maintains that all the treaties were illegal.

Both sides have declared that they wish to ensure, whatever happens, that Hong Kong's prosperity and stability are preserved and that the resolution of status is both welcome and acceptable to the Hong Kong people. That is where the problems begin.

Officials from the British Foreign Office meet their Chinese counterparts in an elegant guest house in the Chinese capital in private but not unpublicized sessions of negotiations. So far this year there have been four such sessions, all inconclusive. Their purpose is to find new labels under which Hong Kong can continue to make money. The next round of talks is expected to be on Oct. 19 and 20.

"The crucial point is that Hong Kong people don't care what Beijing says Hong Kong is," said a source close to the British government. "The labels that Hong Kong belongs to Beijing or London have only minimally corresponded to reality for a long time. Any new label is all right as long as they're used."

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Low Hong Kong Dollar: A Barometer of U.K.-Chinese Talks?

HONG KONG — Hong Kong is the world's third largest financial center. With its thriving free port, it ranks among the top 20 trading economies of the world. It is the leading exporter of such products as toys, textiles, radio receivers and watches. But for how long?

With the Soviets' withdrawal of strength and leadership in the USSR, the future in the current Chinese-British talks over the thin 400-square-mile (1,000-square-kilometer) territory's future.

In purely economic terms, the calendar reads 1997 for Hong Kong. The decisions affecting investment for the future are in limbo, pending the outcome of the current Chinese-British talks over the thin 400-square-mile (1,000-square-kilometer) territory's future.

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A French banker said as the fourth round of talks convened in Peking, "All our best people are leaving on their way to the Chinese side."

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commercial confidence have appeared this year to sink with every attempt by China to issue a pronouncement that would revive faith in a future under its supervision.

The chairman of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, Jimmy MacGregor, blamed Beijing's sustained political campaign, which, he said, is aimed, "not at the hearts and minds of the five and a half million, but at some 30,000 people — bankers, industrialists, businessmen — who make the decisions and move this economy."

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individually, but important if everybody is doing it," said a local broker with one of the leading foreign firms.

Mr. MacGregor concurred. "Some people have suggested that it is somehow disloyal, but I would say it's predictable, understandable, and part of the function of a free market. You don't hold onto assets that are deteriorating."

Many view the local currency as almost a barometer of local sentiment over the prospects for the continuing Chinese-British talks. On Oct. 4, the Hong Kong dollar reached a record low against the U.S. dollar of 8.64.

As recently as last month, it was prevented from reaching the eight-to-the-dollar barrier by active intervention of the official Communist Chinese bank, the Bank of China. A more realistic picture of the dollar's weakness is the trade-weighted index, which registered 68.4, against the 1972 dollar at 100.

Although the government is believed to have asked

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Macao: The Other Enclave Takes Transition Calmly

MACAO — Through the leftist Chinese press widely in Macao next to the patatas, has not overtly depressed local bankers.

Politically, Macao, which has a population of about 300,000, remained in 1979 from being a sleepy "territory under Portuguese administration," rather than a Portuguese territory, to a "Chinese territory under Portuguese administration" under a protocol developed when diplomatic relations were established between Lisbon and Beijing.

Six international banks have been selected for full banking licenses. Seven international hotels have been built or are planned for Macao's four million visitors a year. A television station is planned and improvements are scheduled for roads, postal services and historical sites.

Gambling, an economic mainstay and a primary attraction for 75 percent of the visitors, mostly Hong Kong residents, continues 24 hours a day in four casinos.

The Portuguese, who have administered Macao since 1557, say China's special economic zone of Zhuhai and plans for offshore oil development could lead to growth of financial and supply services in Macao.

With that in the background, even the drastic drop in the local Hong Kong currency, used

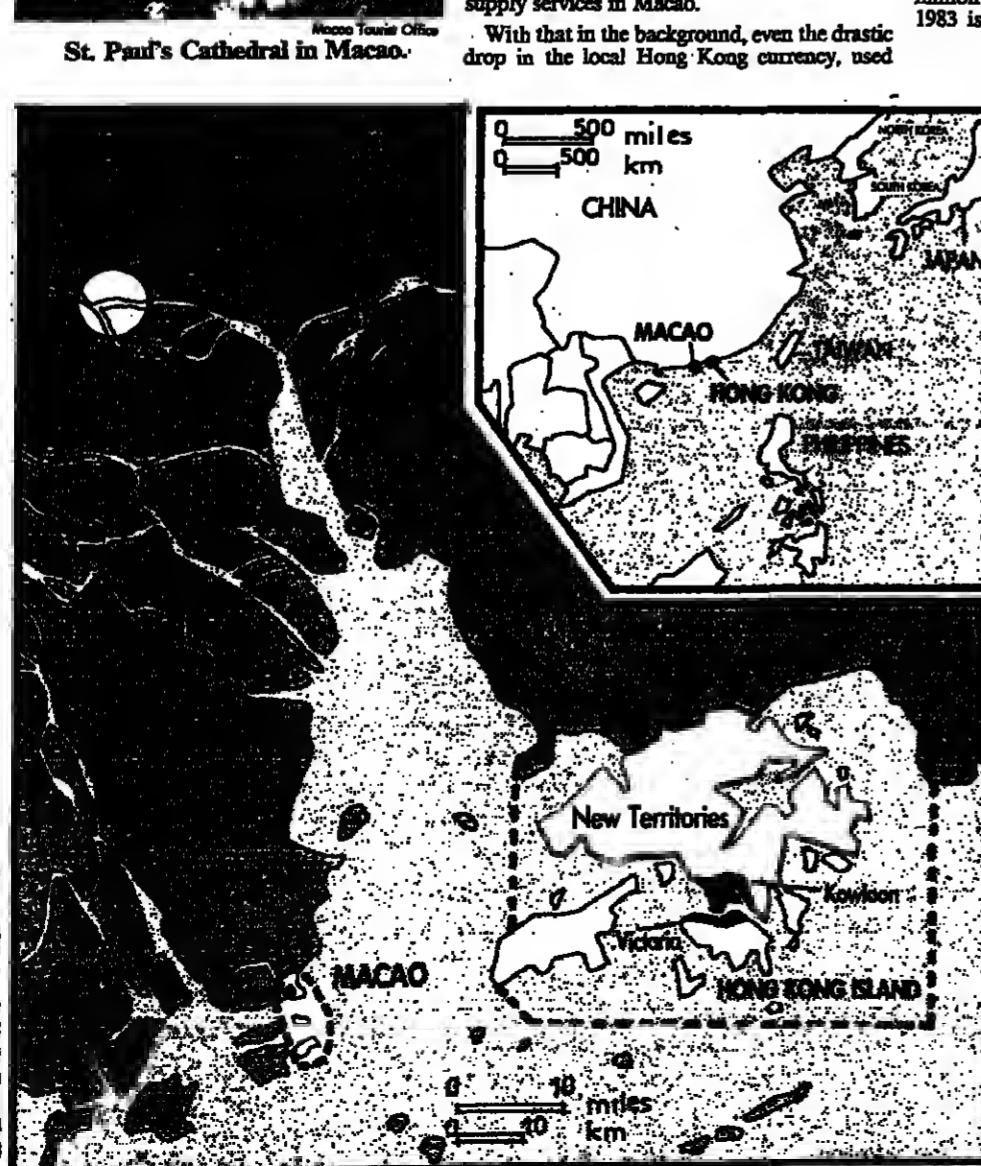
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Until recently it appeared that Beijing's unofficial representatives, lead by Ho Yin, were in control. Now after two and a half years under the newest Portuguese governor, Rear Admiral Vasco Almeida e Costa, the balance of power seems more delicate. The administration's emphasis clearly is on development.

The admiral hopes Macao's embryonic textile and electronics sectors, which are direct spinoffs from Hong Kong, can lead to Macao's growth as a financial center and industrial investment zone. Under his administration, Macao has begun macroeconomic plans and statistical research. But the growth of exports from \$686 million in 1981 to an estimated \$750 million in 1983 is tied to rapid overhaul of the energy.

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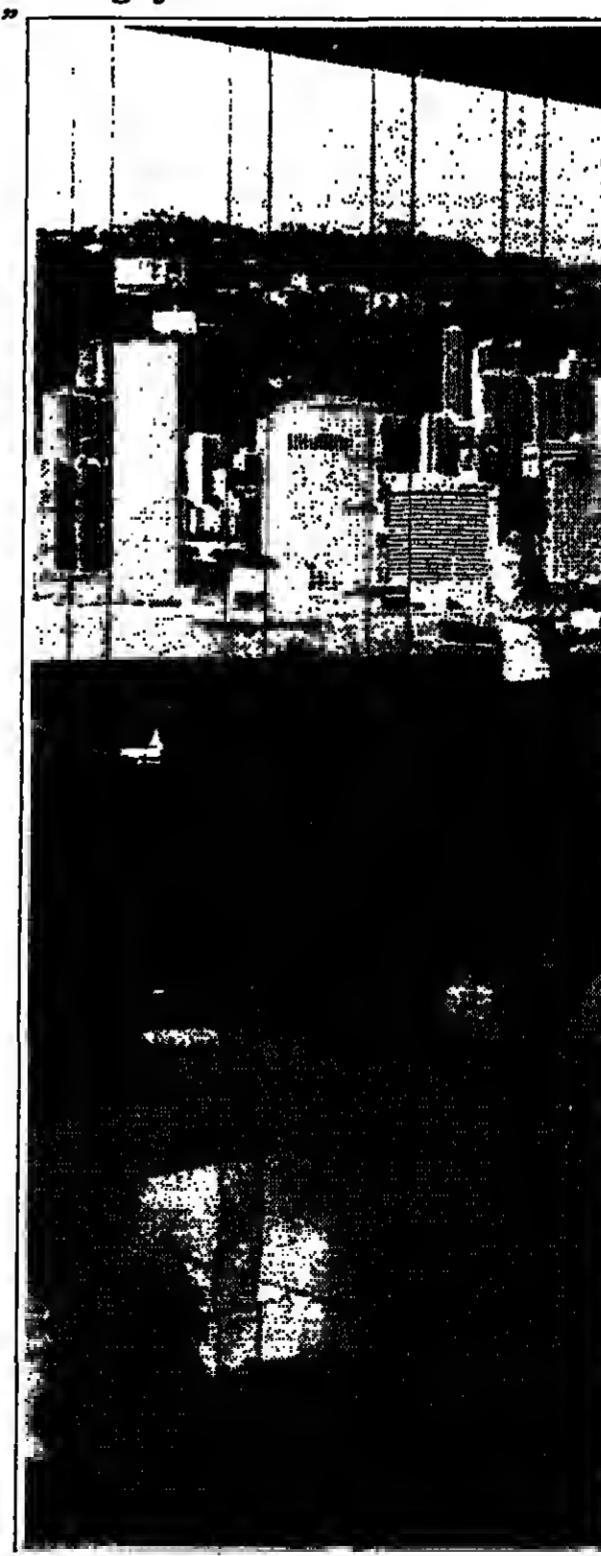
COMMERCE: Hong Kong's industries are mainly export oriented. The total value of domestic exports in 1981 was \$80,423 billion Hong Kong dollars. The major markets were:

United States (36%), United Kingdom (10%), West Germany (9%), Japan (4%), Australia (3%), Singapore (2%).

The total value of imports in 1981 was \$138,375 billion Hong Kong dollars. The imports came mainly from Japan, China and the United States.

BUDGET: Revenue for 1981 - 1982 was \$32,887,700,000 Hong Kong dollars. Expenditure was \$25,061,800,000 Hong Kong dollars.

CURRENCY: The unit of currency is the Hong Kong dollar. \$1 = 8.64 Hong Kong dollars.



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HONG KONG

Beijing and the Future

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as the people here know that the reality is one in which they can trust."

On that score, the Chinese do not appear to have done well among the crucial work force of Hong Kong, particularly among the middle class. Frequent public appearances of Beijing government officials have deepened concern.

The chairman of the Far East Stock Exchange, Ronald Li, said recently, "It's about time the Chinese said what is going to happen before 1997 — what's the use of talking about after 1997? They're already increasing their influence in Hong Kong now to the extent that it's damaging growth."

Like the Chinese proverb, the Beijing policymakers visiting Hong Kong have regularly picked up stones only to drop them on their own feet.

About six weeks before the first round of Chinese-British talks began in July, a member of the Chinese Politburo, Xi Zhongxun, assured visiting Hong Kong professionals that under Chinese sovereignty in Hong Kong after 1997, "Freedom in life will remain unchanged... People in our country also enjoy enough freedom."

Mr. Xi seemed unaware of the effect his promise of mainland-style freedom would have on a population of free-marketeers, many of them refugees from communism.

A second stone dropped was the media campaign waged by the Chinese to win local public opinion over to a sort of modernized united front during a recent recess in talks during August and September.

Aware that there has been no cessation to the flight of capital from Hong Kong or of emigration inquiries by locals, Beijing sent its de facto representative and director of Xinhua news agency, Xu Jiatun, on a series of walks throughout the colony. In early August, Mr. Xu stopped to commend the residents of the Kowloon walled city, a self-regulating historical anomaly created by the 1898 Convention of Nanking, on their administration.

His comments were seen as an endorsement of Beijing's self-rule formula proposed for Hong Kong. According to Lee Yee, edi-

tor of a widely read political monthly, the Seventies, this could have been a "test balloon" by the Beijing representative. But it is not known whether Mr. Xu realized that the walled city is regarded by the Hong Kong community as little better than a shanty.

"If Beijing wants to have Hong Kong administered like the walled city, it would be a joke — everybody would leave Hong Kong right now," said Mr. Lee.

Then, Hong Kong received a shock in September when Beijing, on a campaign to round up criminals throughout China, arrested five Hong Kong citizens. The men were charged and executed for a series of offenses that ranged from robbing a store in the border town of Shenzhen to drug-trafficking and spying for the Kuomintang, Taiwan's national party. The severity of the sentences did not escape notice among Hong Kong's citizens. It provided a worrying counterpoint to China's assertion that after 1997, Hong Kong's existing legal system with its British derivations will be preserved.

A British observer pointed out that China's civil and penal traditions were a response to a cumbersome and often ungovernable country where for hundreds of years peasants have lived virtually untouched by formal government procedures.

The Beijing government is now asking Hong Kong citizens, merely on the basis of assertion, to believe that in 14 years they will have evolved the institutions capable of assuming responsibility in Hong Kong," the observer said. "The British can't prove that Beijing would object and that would not help the talks. Beijing responds that Hong Kong is part of China, so a vote on Hong Kong's future would be a vote of one billion people not 5.2 million.

According to political analysts in Hong Kong, the Chinese, through leftist newspapers, are carrying on a campaign to win over the local government, the rest of the press and the professionals and academics. Student groups also were enlisted when China chose to channel its most definitive list of proposals for Hong Kong through the Hong Kong Federation of Students.

China says that sovereignty over Hong Kong will be assumed in 1997, that Hong Kong people will administer themselves and that Hong Kong's legal and economic systems will remain intact for at least 50 years.

Beijing has both warned that if the British do not cooperate, Beijing will assume sovereignity in 1997 "or earlier," and taken a more soothing approach by sending a representative to make the rounds of Hong Kong schools, industries or leftist unions. Amid all this, irritation in official British circles appears to be mounting — both with China for its abrogation of an agreement to keep the content of the talks secret and with Hong Kong citizens for demanding more confident and aggressive public statements from the British side.

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ECONOMIST'S VIEW: As the U.K.-Chinese talks on the colony continue, Xu Dixin, a Beijing economist in Hong Kong, said that it is "the Hong Kong government's responsibility to maintain the stability of the currency."

interest groups to voice opinions unofficially has had little effect.

Many groups do speak up, nonetheless, and public opinion is in play now more than ever, undermining the basic irony that Hong Kong people have no official voice recognized as such by both sides, at the negotiation table. Despite calls from local leaders and established principles of international law suggesting that a plebiscite or referendum should be held, Britain responds that

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The Talks: A Poker Metaphor?

HONG KONG — The deliberations between Britain and China on the future of Hong Kong may be explained in the framework of a poker game.

It is generally believed that Britain has the stronger economic hand and China the stronger political hand. Despite supposedly secret deliberations, this picture of the negotiations is emerging:

The Chinese team, led by Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Yao Guang, is offering self-rule for Hong Kong and its 5.2 million inhabitants, under a locally elected chief administrator approved by Beijing. The legal system will remain, but appeals to a high court will move from London to Hong Kong. Free speech, press, right of assembly and right of movement are on offer, although onlookers are skeptical when they look closely at China's record.

Internal security would be carried out by the Hong Kong police, but there have been hints through the press that a People's Liberation Army presence for territorial defense has been mentioned. Maintenance of a free port, issuance of a local currency and separate travel documents are also on the table. Social reforms applying to gambling, for instance, are to be decided by local guidance, but under whose influence or pressure is not clear.

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Some say China has tried to rig the outcome by offering Britain oil contracts and guaranteed trade. Others say Britain could cause trouble by freezing assets belonging to the local government, or invoking a United Nations charter for a referendum.

Each side has some strong cards. Britain can bargain with financial skills, knowledge of the government and the territory, and commercial experience. But observers point to China's ace — the People's Liberation Army, which is directly across the border and perfectly willing to threaten an early takeover if Britain does not cooperate.

And, while Britain may talk of a "moral responsibility" in the affair, China can respond with talk of the "reunification of the motherland."

Britain did not strengthen its hand when it recently adjusted United Kingdom passports issued to Hong Kong residents so that there could be no misunderstanding among Hong Kong Chinese about their lack of rights of abode in the United Kingdom. The decision was seen in Hong Kong as superfluous and badly timed.

Some Hong Kong residents worry that Britain, with few political interests compared with those of China at stake, may toss in its hand. Doing so, they say, would ease Britain's worries over an awkward trade gap, tough textile competitors and a lingering colonial burden. British observers scoff at such fears.

But for China, clearly a disastrous hand-over would impinge on hopes for reunification with Taiwan. Furthermore, impairing Hong Kong's prosperity would be an enormous financial loss for China. On the other hand, if Hong Kong could administer itself successfully, relations with Taiwan might warm, and the wealth of Hong Kong would continue, providing needed foreign exchange, and domestic political points would be won.

So far, outsiders believe China is in the role of the dealer; since it was China's choice to return to the discussion table last July.

— DINAH LEE

Industry Maintains Growth Despite Colony's Fluctuations

HONG KONG — Industry in Hong Kong is a success story that began with making simple plastic flowers. It now leads in the manufacture of sophisticated transistors, computer peripherals, telephone systems and computer peripherals. The Hong Kong stock market has seen new issues from industrial companies for the first time in two years, and most have done well before worries about the economic recovery gave way to bigger concern about what will happen in 1997.

Hong Kong's growth from a barren rock in the middle of the 19th century to a developing and overpopulated island if under-resourced territory has been so rapid that some competitors may argue that it is too developed to benefit from preferential trade agreements such as the U.S. General Scheme of Preferences.

In fact, Hong Kong may have been courting disaster with its property boom of the 1970s. The real-estate and development bubble, which began about 1976, burst in mid-1981, leaving banking, property and investment circles severely chastened. Many people blamed political factors, but carelessness over lending by banks and widespread greed had fueled the cycle.

Many, like Michael Roberts, a director of Samuel Montagu, who arranged a financial package for the ailing Trafalgar Housing, believe the worst of the property crisis is over.

Industries such as textiles and electronics, meanwhile, have kept Hong Kong on a steady annual growth of about 9 percent for the decade ending in 1982. Unlike the

United States to invest in Hong Kong and not Singapore — were made well before worries about the economic recovery gave way to bigger concern about what will happen in 1997.

Hong Kong's oldest industry, textiles, employs 40 percent of Hong Kong's workforce and makes Hong Kong the largest exporter of textiles, yarns and finished garments in the world. In spite of recession, Hong Kong exported \$3 billion Hong Kong dollars' worth of textile goods in 1982.

However, Hong Kong's textile manufacturers may have been too competitive. Although order books are full for six months, the industry is worried that trouble over quotas in the U.S. market, Hong Kong's biggest, will interrupt the business upswing.

In July and August, Hong Kong was threatened with 10 "calls," which are suspensions of exports of garments ordered by U.S. wholesalers. Although the number of restrictions later was reduced to five, Hong Kong trade officials accused the United States of harassment. The garment industry complained that some of the suspended items had just been "liberalized" or freed from quantitative restrictions in difficult negotiations with the United States.

A leading exporter of sports wear, Stanlaus Tsao of Lai Sun garments, explained the complaints with an example of Category 647 men's and boy's jeans made of a mixture of synthetic and cotton fibers.

"In the last negotiations, Hong Kong was forced in the end to accept 279,000 dozen, or less than 30 percent of our traditional ceiling of one million dozen before the so-called liberalization," he said.

The U.S. calls left millions of dollars' worth of garments in storage throughout Hong Kong.

The chairman of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, Jim Macgregor, predicted, "There is big danger for Hong Kong in a presidential election year because promises will be given to the strongest lobbies — including the textile lobby — and sooner or later they will have to be delivered on."

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1982 Hong Kong Imports by Supplier

Supplier	Value (Million US\$)
ASIA 68.4%	US\$23,915 Million
U.S.A. 10.8%	US\$2,615 Million
Japan 22.1%	US\$2,615 Million
Other Asia 5.9%	US\$2,615 Million
United Kingdom 4.8%	US\$2,615 Million
FR.Germany 2.5%	US\$2,615 Million
Switzerland 1.9%	US\$2,615 Million
Republic of Korea 3.2%	US\$2,615 Million
Taiwan 7.1%	US\$2,615 Million
Singapore 7.1%	US\$2,615 Million

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1982 Hong Kong Imports by Product

Product	Value (Million US\$)
Fuels 2.7%	US\$23,815 Million
Foodstuffs 11.7%	US\$23,815 Million
Capital goods 14.0%	US\$23,815 Million
Raw materials & semi-manufactures 39.5%	US\$23,815 Million
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China has tried to rig the outcome of Britain's oil contracts and guaranteed that Britain could cause trouble by its side. Belonging to the local government of the United Nations charter for a return of some of its financial skills, knowledge of the terrain, and the territory, and command of the Liberation Army, which is a symbol of power and prestige, willing to do what it can if Britain does not cooperate in the affair. China can respond well if Britain did not strengthen the motherland.

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Carrian Bankruptcy: The End of an Era?

HONG KONG — Nothing could have signaled the end of a remarkable era in Hong Kong's property sector more than the arrest on Oct. 2 of George Tan, chairman of the Carrion group. Under Mr. Tan, Carrion rose out of nowhere, funded by no one knew whom, to set up some of the biggest property deals in Asia's memory.

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wing and predicted that profits from redevelopment could reach 1 billion Hong Kong dollars by 1985. It was the height of Hong Kong's property boom, and no one questioned where Carrion's limitless funds originated, least of all, it appears, about 50 creditors who continued to lend to Carrion. Carrion's reputation was made — but as what one was quite sure.

With the collapse of the entire colony-wide property market boom in late 1981 and the fall of the local dollar after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Peking in late 1982, it appeared that Carrion's own billion-dollar star would not rise again. Foremost among Hong Kong's collapsed property giants, Carrion and its mysterious links to large-scale Malaysian funding primarily from Bank Bumiputra, began to emerge.

Bank Bumiputra's own debts to Carrion appear to be somewhere between \$320 million and \$35 million. This fact is politically explosive in Malaysia, for Bank Bumiputra, Malaysia's largest bank, was established by the government for the purpose of lending for Malay domestic development, not Hong Kong Chinese property speculation.

The lending was made through a Hong Kong finance arm, Bumiputra Malaysia Fi-

nance, and in July, a newly arrived officer of BMF, sent from Kuala Lumpur to investigate Carrion's dealings with Carrion, was murdered. It is believed his murder was not connected directly with BMF's Carrion investigation. (By then it was complemented by many other investigations conducted by various official organizations in Hong Kong). But clues in the murder hunt reportedly led to the raid.

The mid and concurrent investigations by the Hong Kong Securities Commission, the independent commission against corruption, and the Organized and Serious Crimes Bureau, put of creditors' appetite to restructure the ailing company. The plan devised by the advisers, Wardleys (on behalf of creditors) and Hambrons (on behalf of Carrion) looked permanently comatose, if not actually officially dead. Mr. Tan, who was once seen as a local wonderkid, appeared in the magistrate's court on Oct. 4 on charges of fraud. His executive director, Bentley Ho, was also charged with false accounting. However, it is unlikely that the saga will end neatly. "The real story is to be found in Malaysia, and it is unlikely first that investigators can unravel it all, and secondly — how could any jury understand it," a well-placed source said.

DINAH LEE

Stock Market Follows Mood of Talks

HONG KONG — Brokers have their own way of referring to the event that sent the Hong Kong stock market to a low of 6,700 on the Hang Seng index last December. They call it "B.T." — before Thatcher.

They are referring to the visit to Beijing by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain in September 1982. It was from that visit, and her assertion there that Britain regarded its treaties with China for the island of Hong Kong, Kowloon, and the New Territories as valid, that the political chill date.

Whether brokers agree with Mrs. Thatcher's political style or not, they rightly pin B.T. as the beginning of a volatile and paradoxical period for the four local Hong Kong stock exchanges. Despite the rise of almost 60 percent between the market's nadir on Dec. 2, 1982, and its highest closing point last July (after news that the Chinese-British talks would soon resume), the Hong Kong stock market has managed a partial and disappointing recovery. That has been largely dependent on overseas institutional interest and locals. (On Oct. 4, the Hang Seng index reached 690.06, down 24.95, its worst level this year).

"The local stock market is in neutral because people don't know how the political talks about 1997

will turn out," said Halim Hoosenally of W.I. Carr and Sons. "Until the political question is resolved, any progress on Hong Kong's exports will not show through on the stock market."

Following the property collapse in 1981 that brought big speculators such as the Carrion group, Eda Investments and Bylanson and Associates to their knees, 1982 saw record turnover halved to 46.2 billion Hong Kong dollars from the previous year. The climate for raising new funds was arid.

Brokers now say that last year's share issues were more like distress calls from struggling property companies that had been denied new funds from already overextended bankers. In a case like the now-famous Carrion disaster, the debts are estimated to be less than \$600 million and as recently disclosed, possibly as much as \$1.25 billion, with about 50 creditors including Hong Kong's leading banks involved.

This year there has been slightly more confidence in new issues, and late summer saw a flurry of entries motivated by the availability of excess liquidity. Moving into the spotlight were manufacturing and trading equities. The market share of property stocks, on the other hand, shrank in contrast from around 50 percent to 60 percent

before Mrs. Thatcher's 1982 tour to less than 30 percent currently.

The most popular manufacturing stocks have been those that exploit the U.S. economic recovery and demand for sophisticated electronics used in computer peripherals, microcomputers and complex business telephone systems. An exception was Burwell Trading, a metals house, which was more than 20 times oversubscribed.

"When you have new issues in Hong Kong that are 10-20 times oversubscribed, the local guys are going to come in because they are speculators at heart," said Mr. Hoosenally. "Even though the political situation is uncertain, the economic fundamentals are improving."

Politics or no, the Hong Kong stock exchanges — the Far East exchange, the Hong Kong stock exchange, the Kam Ngan exchange and the Kowloon exchange — are expected to merge under a 1980 plan and to begin trading in 1985 at the newly constructed "exchange square" complex.

"When we merge, the exchanges

will improve our overseas image, centralize the clearing system, devise certain methods to protect the public better and also aim at increasing brokerage rates," said Ronald Li, the chairman of the Far

East Stock Exchange, Hong Kong's largest.

Membership legislation will also be reviewed, and, according to Mr. Li, banks probably will be allowed memberships through corporate joint ventures.

With 14 years to go before the British lease on the New Territories runs out, the act of building a new exchange appears to be an act of faith in Beijing's word that Hong Kong's economic and financial institutions are to remain the same for 50 years.

DINAH LEE

Controversy on Proposed Banking Rules

By Jo McBride

HONG KONG — With a real estate market in collapse, a manufacturing sector in recession and a political future in doubt, appraising the lending assets of Hong Kong's financial institutions is difficult.

Less so, but still debatable, is the valuation of their offshore loans to developing country borrowers in the Asia-Pacific region — especially given fears generated by defaults in Latin America and Eastern Europe.

And some problems uncovered by these examinations could then be raised with the clients while the wares were current, rather than after the close of the financial year when the audit is done. If necessary any difficulties could then be brought by the auditor and his clients to the attention of the commissioner for deposit-taking companies.

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Today, the meeting of minds that each of Hong Kong's 131 licensed banks, 29 licensed and 221 registered deposit-taking companies must reach with their external auditors on the extent of such provisions, appears to be taking a little longer.

Also involved is a controversial clause in a measure that Hong Kong's Legislative Council will likely approve this month.

The clause requires that an outside auditor undertaking an annual inspection should report to the government "any matter, which, in his opinion, adversely affects the financial standing of a [deposit-taking] company to a material extent."

A banker, who asked not to be identified, said, "What this amendment does is to enshrine in law the not very nice principle of squealing on clients, and in a way that leaves a whole lot of leg room to the squeler."

The failure of a handful of deposit-taking companies at the turn of this year has stiffened the government's resolve to tighten its controls over their activities.

The two major shareholders of one failed deposit-taking company, Dollar Credit and Financing, were also shareholders and executives at the Hang Lung Bank, which the government took over Sept. 27, when the institution could not meet its liabilities to its clearing banks.

Financial Secretary John Breckinridge, had secretly kept the Hang Lung acquisition bill ready for some months so that it could be approved at a moment's notice by the Legislative Council.

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Hoog Koog's deposit-taking companies range in size and stature from very large to very small. At the top are institutions such as Chase Asia (owned by Chase Manhattan), BOT International (owned by Bank of Tokyo), BA Asia (a Bank of America subsidiary), LBI Finance (which belongs to Bank of America International) and many more wholly-owned subsidiaries of leading U.S., European and Japanese banks.

Together, such institutions last year packaged about \$24 billion in syndicated credit instruments on behalf of borrowers in the Asia-Pacific region, for which Hong Kong is the leading hub.

Some executives of deposit-taking companies express negative sentiments about the auditor's responsibility clause. But Robert Gaff, chairman of the auditing standards subcommittee of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, said the new legislation was insufficiently positive to allow auditors to discharge both their traditional duties to shareholders, and "the responsibility which we do feel" to the community at large.

He points out, too, that his door has been open to auditors and clients of financial institutions who are unable to resolve their differences. These problems aside, the performance reflected in the 1982 accounts of Hong Kong's 30-odd

locally incorporated banks is as mixed as the commercial environment in which they operated.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which with its subsidiaries is widely thought to have about 60 percent of all local currency deposits, had a consolidated net profit increase of 11.38 percent, low by its standards, to 2.357 billion Hong Kong dollars, on an asset increase of a little more than 20 percent, amounting to 379.186 billion Hong Kong dollars.

At the other end of the scale, the Chiayi Banking Corp., one of the 13 Peking-controlled banks in the territory, which as a group are popularly assessed at having 30 percent of local currency deposits, saw its profit decline by 40 percent, to 14.6 million Hong Kong dollars, despite an asset increase of 60 percent, or 717 million Hong Kong dollars.

Both institutions increased their capital during the year.

No earnings figures are available for the branches of the more than 90 foreign banks doing business out of the territory. Like deposit-taking companies they are often active in lending offshore to borrowers in the Asia-Pacific region, which — with Latin America and Eastern Europe now unpopular — has in the last 18 months become one of the few relatively bright spots in international lending.

Increased competition has led to a shrinking of the interest banks can earn on loans, failing to as little as 375 percent over the cost of their funds, which are typically borrowed in the London-based Eurodollar market.

By the middle of this year entities from Australia, Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea had all been able to obtain loans at this rate — though this has changed somewhat since then — putting them on a par with many Western European borrowers.

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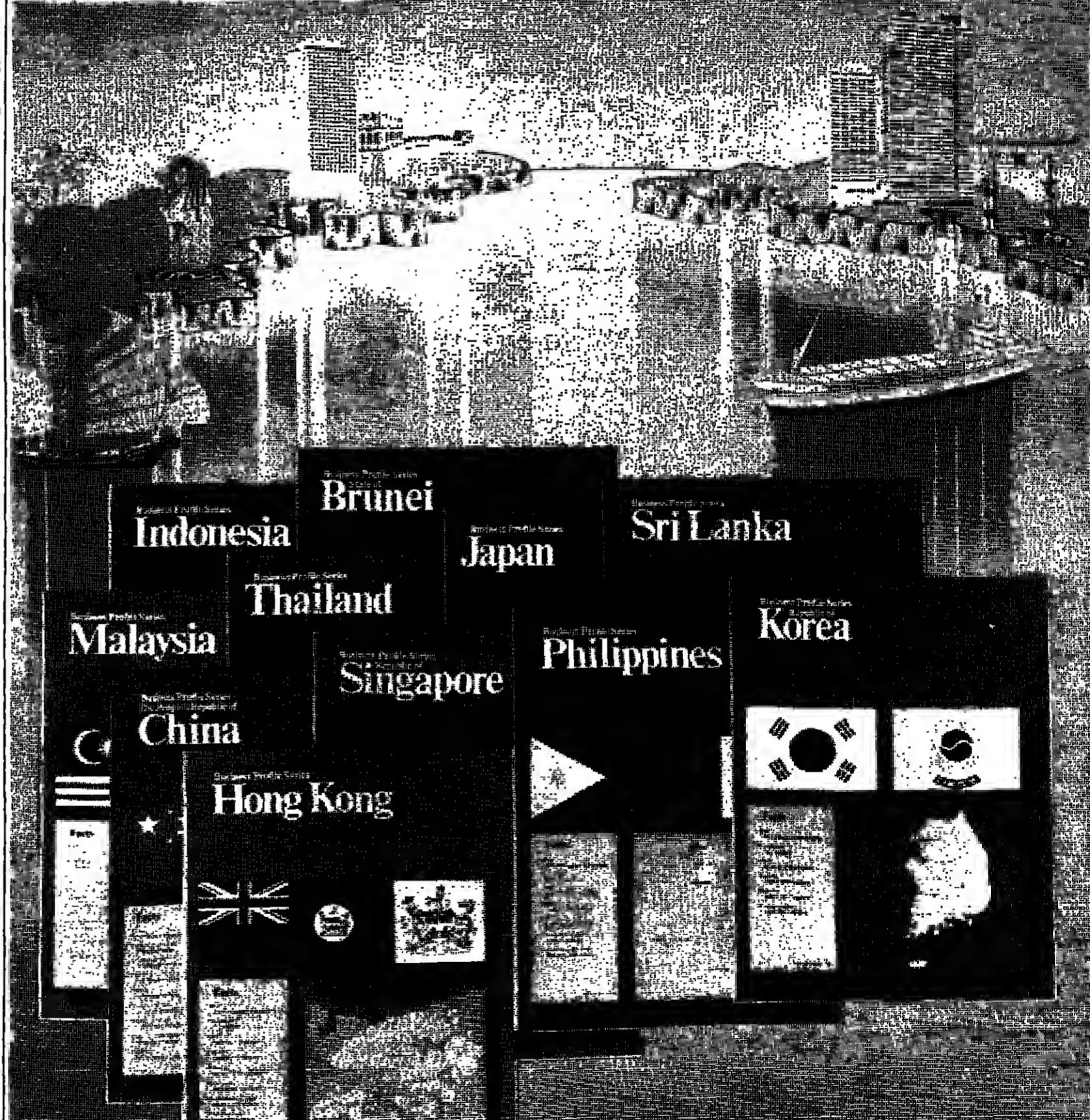
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WALL STREET WATCH

By EDWARD ROHRBACH

Some Analysts Guess Stock Market May Just Move Sideways for a While

From another "October Massacre" to a sharp new rise setting records, current stock market predictions, as usual, are accommodating all

of these extremes presenting investors with a choice between getting out or missing out, it's comforting to hear temperate words from G. Cooperman, chairman of the investment policy committee at Goldman Sachs:

"From current levels, whatever correction lies ahead is likely to be established more through time than price."

He predicts that during the next month or two Wall Street will

possibly move sideways, punctuated at worst by "shallow, single-day," closing-high-to-closing-low corrections in the Dow Jones industrial average that are short-lived. He sees an interval when the aggregate market "does nothing" and allows the economic fundamentals to catch up.

"A double-digit-percentage price correction, were it to occur, would come from higher levels," he said.

Mr. Cooperman thinks that the corrections will not be "deep enough

or long enough" to justify raising cash reserves.

"A more appropriate tactic to protect assets in a time of correction is swapping — moving out of sectors that appear extended on a price basis and into stocks that have already cycled down 10 to 15 percent in price," he said. "In effect, we are buying relative weakness, not strength, a key to success in a rotational market."

Stocks he mentioned in this category are Goodyear, Whirlpool, Alcan, American Cyanamid, Dayton-Hudson and Lockheed. Stocks that he said

Goldman Sachs favors even though they have not fallen markedly are Burlington Northern, Etilly, Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae) and Telelyne.

Fred Franklin, chief investment strategist at Prudential-Bache, also picks up this theme: "Relative performance (among investors) may center on not making mistakes rather than outsmarting the pack. Knowing when not to swing for the home run will be quite important."

Greg A. Smith, research director at Prudential-Bache, also sees Wall

Street cooling its heels. He discounts the likelihood of a major rise in

stocks and describes the company's stand as neutral. "We see 10 percent for less upside and 10 percent downside in the market."

He says that the third quarter was "as bad as the first half of 1982" for

investors, with stocks generally much weaker than the averages suggest.

"While the first half of 1982 went to the high-growth and high-priority sectors, we suspect investors will acquire an appetite for less aggressive investments," he said. "The days of expecting doubles, triples and quads in the stock market are over for a while; we will have to learn to find 15- to 20-percent returns again."

Return of Total Return?

The investment concept of "total return" will regain popularity, he predicts, with some of the large-capitalization growth stocks as major beneficiaries.

Robert Farrell, chief market analyst at Merrill Lynch, who has long favored these issues, believes that the "bull market should still have plenty of life in it," despite the third quarter showing.

In the last 20 years, he notes, the average first correction in a bull market lasted five to six months and resulted in a market-value loss of 10-12 percent. He figures that stocks may resume a broad upswing in October or November.

"With the DJIA down 7.8 percent and the more speculative NASDAQ down-the-counties industrials off 15 percent, the correction has already averaged out to the norm," he said. "We doubt the DJIA will exceed its third-quarter downside limit by much if at all because of the shift to quality." Speculative excesses may, however, require more correction.

Jack Solomon, chief technical analyst at Thomas McKinnon, shares this view. "While the blue-chip average may pull back moderately over the next few weeks, the majority of the list is more vulnerable. We suggest a conservative strategy that emphasizes a reduction and upgrading of long commitments."

Least vulnerable groups, he said, are casinos, aluminum, steels, chemicals, metals, auto, soaps, food chains, leisure, machinery/construction, offshore drillers, fertilizers and textiles/apparel.

Also focusing on Wall Street's third-quarter performance is Purcell Graham's William LeFevre. Of seven market averages charted, he observes that only two, the Dow Jones Industrials and the Dow Jones utilities, scored a plus for the three months.

"This suggests that interest rates are headed lower (utilities) and that business-cycle stocks (industrials) are in demand," he said.

Drexel Burnham thinks that the major crises are past for International Harvester and it has put the stock on its "buy" list. It compares the company with Chrysler and estimates that from a \$13.85 loss this year it will edge into the black next and earn \$5 a share in 1985.

A new recommendation of Morgan O'Leary Kennedy & Gardner in Los Angeles is Standard Brands Paint Co. Dean Witter favors Brunswick.

International Herald Tribune

CURRENCY RATES

Interbank exchange rates for Oct. 5, excluding bank service charges									
	U.S.	£	DM	FRF	YEN	DM	SF	DKM	DM
United States	297.15	4.55	121.30	4.65	104.65	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Germany	297.15	4.55	121.30	4.65	104.65	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Frankfurt	297.92	4.60	122.71	4.65	105.12	5.07	5.22	5.22	5.22
London (D)	1.654	—	117.85	2.3830	4.276	78.445	2.170	12.954	—
Milan	1,548.00	2.34170	404.28	404.28	404.28	404.28	404.28	404.28	404.28
New York	1.654	0.872	1.7044	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644
Paris	1.654	0.872	1.7044	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644	0.8644
Zurich	2.315	2.1714	100.85	46.05	43.98	72.14	2.9488	—	22.37
1 ECU	8.664	8.629	2.5771	4.877	1.344.53	2.048	45.872	1.8189	5.1465
1 SDR	1.6201	0.714086	2.79829	0.62794	0.62794	2.2064	2.2064	2.2064	9.967

1 Sterling: £1.654 with 2.
(a) Commercial franc (b) Amounts needed to buy one pound (c) Units of 100 (d) Units of 1,000
NL: Not quoted; NA: Not available.

INTEREST RATES

Eurocurrency Deposits

Oct. 5

United States		Britain		France		Germany		Japan	
Discount Rate	10.25	8.52	Bank Base Rate	9.5%	12.5%	9%	9.5%	10.5%	9.5%
Official Funds	10.25	8.52	Call Money	9.5%	12.5%	9%	9.5%	10.5%	9.5%
Prime Lending Rate	10.25	8.52	Midday Treasury Bill	8.5%	11.5%	9%	9.5%	10.5%	9.5%
Broker Loan Rate	10	10	One-month Interbank	9	10	9.5%	9.5%	10.5%	9.5%
Com. Paper, 30-120 days	9	9	Interventive Rate	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
3-month Treasury Bills	8.72	8.52	Call Money	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
4-month Treasury Bills	8.625	8.52	One-month Interbank	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
CD's 30-90 days	8.60	8.52	3-month Interbank	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
CD's 60-89 days	8.575	8.52	4-month Interbank	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%

Key Money Rates

United States

	Chm	Prev.	Chm	Prev.	Chm	Prev.	Chm	Prev.
Dollar	10.25	10.25	£	8.52	8.52	DM	12.5%	12.5%
DM	10.25	10.25	DM	8.52	8.52	FRF	12.5%	12.5%
Yen	10.25	10.25	Yen	8.52	8.52	YEN	10.5%	10.5%
French	10.25	10.25	French	8.52	8.52	ECU	12.5%	12.5%
Swiss	10.25	10.25	Swiss	8.52	8.52	SDR	12.5%	12.5%

West Germany

Overnight Rate

3-month Interbank

4-month Interbank

5-month Interbank

6-month Interbank

7-month Interbank

8-month Interbank

9-month Interbank

10-month Interbank

12-month Interbank

18-month Interbank

24-month Interbank

30-month Interbank

36-month Interbank

48-month Interbank

54-month Interbank

60-month Interbank

66-month Interbank

72-month Interbank

78-month Interbank

84-month Interbank

90-month Interbank

96-month Interbank

102-month Interbank

108-month Interbank

114-month Interbank

120-month Interbank

126-month Interbank

132-month Interbank

138-month Interbank

144-month Interbank

150-month Interbank

156-month Interbank

162-month Interbank

168-month Interbank

174-month Interbank

180-month Interbank

186-month Interbank

192-month Interbank

198-month Interbank

204-month Interbank

210-month Interbank

216-month Interbank

222-month Interbank

NYSE Most Actives						
	Vol.	High	Low	Close	Chg.	Chg%
IBM	13903	13114	12916	13111	+116	+1%
Kroger	12444	3846	3749	3835	-176	-4%
ATT	11977	4546	4478	4510	+55	+1%
Digital	11044	3747	3575	3772	+242	+6%
RCA	10653	24	21	24	+2	+8%
AMR. Cr	10653	2012	1979	2012	+41	+2%
FedEx	10243	2742	2614	2774	+56	+2%
Chrysler	9713	3118	2972	3059	-25	-1%
Merly's	8629	3414	3396	3416	+56	+2%
Digital	8600	10575	10016	1022	-756	-7%
Tandy	8276	3912	3774	3794	+192	+5%
PacGE. S	8532	1646	1576	1616	+54	+3%
Exxon	8236	3048	2945	3044	+54	+2%
CenCoW	8121	2046	1978	2006	+54	+3%
PSVCoL	8025	1843	1778	1815	+45	+3%

Dow Jones Averages						
	Open	Highest	Lowest	Closing	Change	Per cent
Indus	1217.70	1254.00	1226.90	1250.20	+ 13.51	.00
Trans	548.00	560.30	545.00	570.44	+ 10.34	.00
Util	137.30	139.24	135.50	138.82	+ 2.20	.00
Comp	492.90	501.94	487.84	497.20	+ 8.71	.00

NYSE Index					
	High	Low	Close	Chg/pt	Per cent
Composite	97.03	96.87	97.00	+0.79	+0.81%
Industrials	112.81	111.70	112.81	+0.94	+0.84%
Trans.	93.54	93.93	93.54	+1.52	+1.61%
Utilities	49.47	49.05	49.47	+0.53	+1.08%
Finance	92.10	92.20	92.90	+0.77	+0.83%

Odd-Lot Trading in N.Y.					
	Buy	Sales	Chg/rpt	Per cent	Per cent
Oct. 4	172,457	349,511	1,557		
Oct. 3	161,169	345,457	973		
Sept. 30	156,203	367,500	1,093		
Sept. 29	158,872	327,776	1,205		
Sept. 28	158,525	348,779	844		

Wednesday's NYSE Closing

Vol. at 4 p.m.	191,710,000
Prev. 4 p.m. Vol.	98,271,000
Prev Consolidated Close	105.730,930

AMEX Diaries	
	Prev.
Advanced	204
Declined	388
Unchanged	326
Total Issues	812
New Highs	517
New Lows	11
Volume up	2,257,400
Volume down	2,252,046

NASDAQ Index				
	Class	Close	Avg.	Year
Composite	294.57	+1.34	292.26	191.35
Industrials	300.54	+0.57	297.71	216.22
Finance	224.47	+1.41	221.44	182.27
Insurance	242.30	+0.42	241.71	222.71
Utilities	200.25	+1.73	204.21	220.95
Banks	201.22	+0.21	201.48	182.92
Transp.	262.03	+1.34	273.58	171.73

AMEX Most Actives					
	Vol.	High	Low	Chg.	Chg.
Wong's S	5105	36 1/2	35 1/2	-3 1/2	+1 1/2
ImpeCh	3729	21 1/2	20 1/2	-3 1/2	+1 1/2
Dotor's	2208	-	20 1/2	-	-4 1/2
AlexCo	1852	20 1/2	19 1/2	-1 1/2	-1 1/2
Texaco	1027	47 1/2	45 1/2	-2 1/2	+1
Ryland S	1597	24 1/2	23 1/2	-2 1/2	-1 1/2
GHCd's	1341	14 1/2	14 1/2	-1 1/2	+1 1/2
Amhd'l's	1348	18 1/2	18 1/2	-1 1/2	+1 1/2
TIE's	1188	35 1/2	37 1/2	-1 1/2	+5 1/2
Astror's S	1040	10 1/2	10 1/2	-1 1/2	+5 1/2

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(Currency - Thousands of Turkish lira)		
ASSETS	1982	1981
Cash and due from banks	17,997,965	9,228,289
Reserve deposits at Central Bank	6,737,077	1,462,199
Bills discounted	114,924	189,000
Government bonds	557,202	32,616
Loans:		
Short-term	25,398,070	15,000,677
Medium-term	3,005,716	184,514
	28,403,786	15,185,291
Less: Allowance for possible losses	(802,013)	(10,173)
	27,601,773	15,175,118
Equity participations	964,486	41,384
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, net	967,197	127,531
Central Bank imports and other blocked accounts	1,198,184	1,283,968
Accrued income and other assets	5,678,604	550,985
	61,817,413	28,091,090
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits:		
Demand deposits		
Commercial	16,333,566	9,049,897
Interbank	7,118,197	4,259,482
Savings and other	495,894	378,995
Time deposits		
Savings and certificates of deposits	19,422,616	8,314,678
Interbank	343,170	307,563
	43,713,443	22,310,615
Borrowed funds from banks	5,556,174	989,359
Import advances taken	2,624,550	1,062,269
Payment orders at Central Bank	475,866	867,489
Accrued interest and other liabilities	5,406,741	1,686,027
Taxation:		
On income	651,662	201,846
Other	533,698	222,794
Total liabilities	59,062,134	27,340,399
Shareholders' equity:		
Share capital	1,665,010	500,000
Revaluation surplus	215,619	
Retained earnings	874,650	250,691
Total shareholders' equity	2,755,279	750,691

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Union Stock Funds Likely to Broaden Stockholm's Boom

By Axel Krause
International Herald Tribune

STOCKHOLM — Operating from cramped quarters on the ground floor of an 18th-century building overlooking this city, the Stockholm Stock Exchange is in its third year of booming volume and prices. And now a controversial government plan to establish union-controlled investment funds is expected to provide additional impetus for growth.

Some big headaches also are emerging.

The major problem facing the Fondsbörs is simply coping with the expansion. Representatives of the 20 member firms work in small, crowded booths and only two slots remain available. The exchange still operates with a staff of 22 including the president, who only last week hired a fulltime secretary. Rules on trading and reporting requirements are still very loose and currently there are no funds or sites

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available for substantial expansion.

The Amsterdam Stock Exchange, handling about the same volume, operates with a staff of 175 persons and draws on the services of an affiliated company employing 700 persons, its officials said.

"There still is something of a club atmosphere here, but everyone likes the premises and we will expand here little by little," said Bengt Grönquist, president.

Gesturing to a bank of computer terminals recording transactions, he said: "Of course, we have plenty of electronics here, but we do need more staffing and space, and we are drafting our regulations, paralleling those in the European Common Market" on trading ethics. The exchange also plans to hire a fulltime accountant later this year and is looking for someone to handle press relations, he said.

"Several years ago you probably would not have been interested in us," Mr. Grönquist told a reporter last week. But he readily conceded that the role of the exchange will expand substantially because of the investments planned by the union funds, a controversial issue that has drawn wide attention.

Mr. Grönquist, who previously had worked for Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and Exxon, opposes the plan, on principle, and Tuesday afternoon joined 75,000 people in a protest march on parliament.

Under the plan, the union-controlled funds would buy substantial interests in leading Swedish industrial and financial companies. Parliament is expected to approve the legislation next month.

"I am a conservative, in favor of

free enterprise, but I also avoid political statements," he said, adding that the funds will represent a new force on the market, with what he termed "a beneficial" effect on trading and prices.

Indeed, the buying surge is ex-

pected to play a key role in pushing Stockholm's ranking among the world's 16 leading stock exchanges from 10th to eighth place next year, possibly putting it ahead of Am-

sterdam and Hong Kong, exchange officials said. Perhaps as a sign of the Stockholm Exchange's new clout, the exchange will sponsor the annual meeting of the Interna-

tional Stock Exchange Federation next fall for the first time.

"A lot of people here are protesting the funds, but once functioning, we estimate that they will account for roughly 40 percent of the new, net flow of money into the stock exchange," said Per-Olof Edin, an adviser to the Social Democratic Party in the Finance Ministry and the plan's main architect.

The plan would be financed by a new tax on corporate profits. That would provide the funds with a total of about 2 billion kroner (about \$255.6 million at current exchange rates) annually with which to buy shares, starting next year and running through 1990.

Anticipating the plan's implementation, some large industrial companies and banks, including multinationals, have already started buying heavily to consolidate their control over the shares of the about 160 companies listed on the exchange. But until now such buying has been only a relatively minor factor in the exchange's boom, which began in 1980, when the government raised an income-tax rebate on investors' purchases in nominal funds to 30 percent from 20 percent.

Many Swedish and foreign investors also have been attracted by the fact that sales and profits of leading industrial companies and banks are setting records this year amid rapidly expanding exports, which were helped considerably by a 16 percent devaluation announced by Prime Minister Olof Palme shortly after his victory in parliamentary elections in September 1982.

As part of the austerity package that he presented to parliament Tuesday, Mr. Palme also is pressing for other measures that business favors: freezing or cutting corporate taxes next year, restricting wage increases and cutting government spending.

The stock market here was asleep throughout the 1970s and we're catching up a lot," said the chairman of a leading Swedish company, "but with the notorious exception of these very objectionable union funds, there is a lot in Palme's program attractive to business — and it is reflected on the exchange."

This year's volume on the Fondsbörs is expected to reach about 80 billion kronor, up from 29 billion kronor in 1982, and at the present pace, it may reach about 100 billion kronor in 1984, Mr. Grönquist said. Share values in 1983's first nine months were running 64 percent ahead of the like period in 1982 and probably will continue rising at that pace, he added. He noted that some of the foreign buying has been coming from pension and other institutional funds in the United States and Scotland.

"We are not sure where all the foreign buying is coming from, but it is a real contributing factor, and helps explain why we are trying to improve and modernize our operations," Mr. Grönquist said.

Meantime, the government and parliamentary committees are working on plans for new legislation that would tighten rules on insider trading and reporting requirements. This legislation could be completed within the next few weeks. Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt is known to favor more self-regulation for the exchange, but on the condition that it be effective, particularly as it relates to the trading of stock in small and medium-sized companies listed on the over-the-counter market, which was established last year.

Some government sources said that the Bank Inspection Board, which supervises the over-the-counter market, may be given a greater role in regulating the exchange.

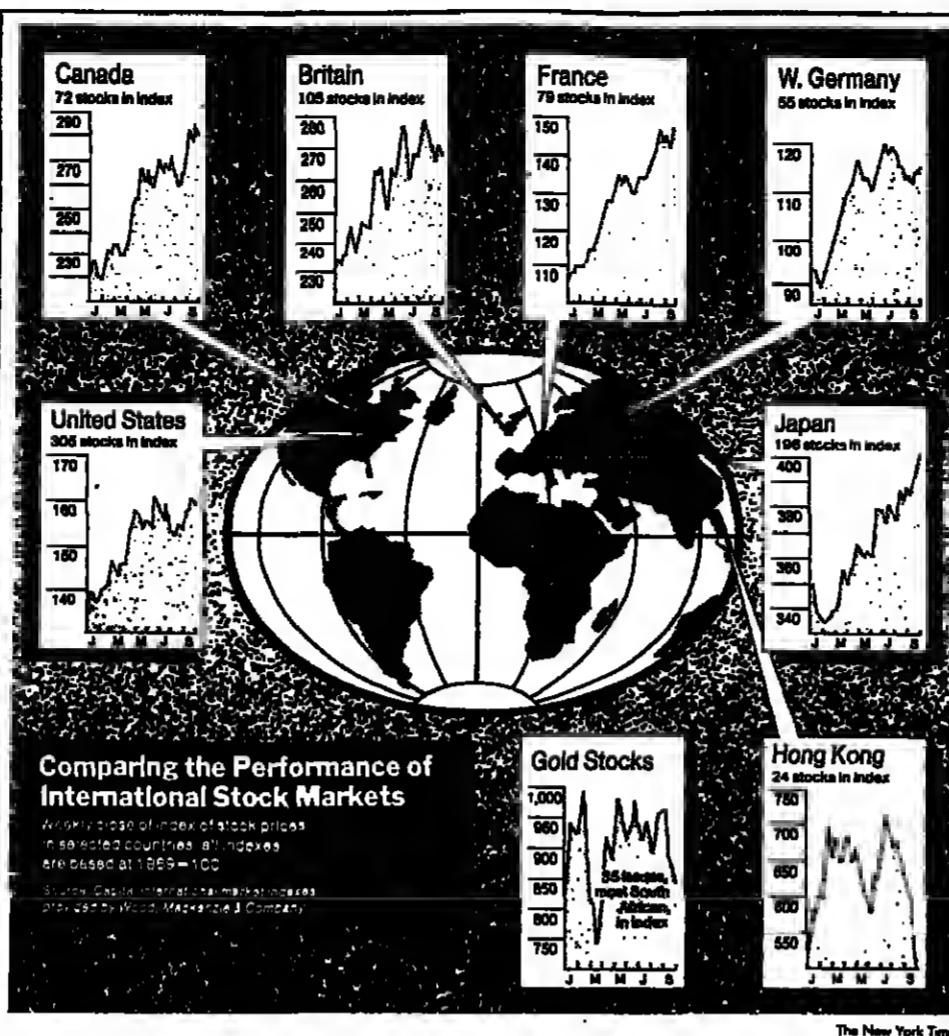
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There is a desire for earnings



Dollar's Strength, Economic Doubts Are Blamed for 3d Period Slowdown

By Kenneth N. Gilpin
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — After six months of rapid advances, the rate of increase in equity prices on major stock exchanges around the world slowed in the third quarter.

For the week ended Sept. 29, the Capital International World Index, which tracks price movements on 19 exchanges around the globe, including the United States, stood at 181.5, up just 0.5 percent from its end-of-June level. Since the beginning of the year, the world index has risen more than 18 percent.

"Coordinated strength in the dollar and a lack of conviction on the part of investors that recovery is spreading to major economies are the major reasons behind the slowdown," said André Sharon, director of international research at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., the New York-based brokerage house.

Here is a roundup of the quarter's activity on some of the world's major exchanges.

Tokyo

With the economy strengthening gradually and the outlook for corporate earnings brightening, the Tokyo Stock Market's Nikkei Dow-Jones Index advanced nearly 6 percent in the third quarter, closing at 9402.59 last Friday, up from 8871 at the end of June.

In large part, the continued rise has been fueled by optimistic projections of corporate performance.

Analysts now predict that corporate earnings in the six months ending next March will be about 50 percent higher than the recently completed third quarter, nearly double what forecasters were expecting only three months ago.

Another positive force on the market has been the yen's recent performance. After falling to 247 yen to the dollar Aug. 12, the Japanese currency's value appreciated by Friday to 236.1 in Tokyo.

Through mid-August, smaller- and medium-sized companies led the advance. For example, the share price of Fujitsu Fanuc, a robot maker, hit 8,000 yen on Aug. 17, more than double the level earlier in the year.

In the past few weeks, basic-industry stocks such as Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Nippon Steel have performed well.

London

Prices on the London Stock Exchange have fallen back since the Financial Times All Share Index peaked at 466 Aug. 18. On Sept. 27, the index stood at 451, 3 percent below the peak and 2 percent below the level at the end of June.

Experts are expecting a further drop.

"I would not be surprised to see a mild shake-out in equities in the next few months," said Kenneth Inglis, head of equity research at Phillips & Drew. "However, given reasonably good dividend prospects and a modest decline in the yield on government securities, fundamental value in the market remains sound."

Figures published by Datastream show that the top performing industrial sectors in the last quarter included share prices of food retailers, up 13 percent; newspaper and publishing houses, up 9 percent, and shipping and transport share prices, up 7 percent.

Toronto

The Toronto Stock Market continued the rise that began 15 months ago. At the end of September, the exchange's 300 composite index closed at 2519.1, up about 6 percent from the end of the second quarter.

The second leg of the bull market began in mid-August," said Peter Williams, technical analyst with McLeod Young Weir, Toronto stockbrokers.

During the quarter, the best performers were in high technology, metals and mining, oil and gas and management.

"There is a desire for earnings

potential," said John Edd, equity strategist with Merrill Lynch Royal Securities. "The market has been going back to fundamentals."

New issues have also been attractive.

Subodh Kumar, market strategist at Wood Gundy, Toronto stockbrokers, estimates that 1.8 billion Canadian dollars (about \$1.46 billion) of new equity were raised in the third quarter, bringing the total for the year so far to 5.3 billion dollars, well above the 3.1 billion dollars raised in all of 1981, the previous record.

Losers in the quarter were forest products, gold shares and real estate companies.

Frankfurt

Since July, prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange have stabilized, following a rise in the 100-share Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung Index to 331, its highest level since World War II. The index closed at 316.21 last Friday.

Analysts said the slowdown was reinforced by the dollar's strength against the Deutsche mark, which attracted investors into dollar-denominated securities, and by a Bundesbank decision last month to allow commercial bank refinancing rates to follow U.S. interest rates upward, drawing investors from stocks into fixed-rate securities.

In the overall market, stocks that fell outnumbered those that rose, but blue-chip automobile and chemical issues, such as Daimler-Benz and Bayerische Motorenwerke and Hoechst, Bayer and BASF, remained strong.

Bank stocks, including Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank, declined, as did machine and plant-building issues, such as Gottschalfformschule, which continue to suffer from West Germany's export slump.

Paris

Prices on the Paris Bourse continue to rise in spite of increasingly somber predictions about the future course of the French economy.

From a low of 96.1 reached Jan. 3, the market as measured by the French Stockbrokers Association Index has climbed steadily, reaching 132 at the close of trading on Sept. 27.

The advance in French share prices has been influenced by the general rise in equities all over the world, but brokers attribute much of the increase to a number of different actions by France's Socialist government that seem to have provided investors with compelling reasons to invest in equities.

The market advance continues to be led by a comparatively small group of well-run, export-oriented French companies that have profited from the weak franc and are relatively insulated from the domestic economy's flat performance.

A strong performer in the industrial sector has been Compagnie Générale des Eaux, France's leading private water supplier and a major maker of water-treatment equipment.

Hong Kong

Because of political uncertainty, Hong Kong is going through a difficult period.

Britain's lease from China on 90 percent of Hong Kong's territory expires in 1997. The property market has suffered as the expiration date pulled within 15 years in 1982, since many commercial mortgages run for 15 years. Investment has come to a standstill as companies and individuals wait until China indicates the type of economic and social system Hong Kong will have after 1997.

Not surprisingly, the recent movement in the Hang Seng Index reflects the British colony's troubles.

At the end of the third quarter, the index had tumbled more than 20 percent from end-of-June levels, and ended the period at just under 760, down from 964 at the end of the second quarter.

The second leg of the bull market began in mid-August," said Peter Williams, technical analyst with McLeod Young Weir, Toronto stockbrokers.

During the quarter, the best performers were in high technology, metals and mining, oil and gas and management.

"There is a desire for earnings

London Is Facing Big Changes With Hope and Some Anxiety

By William McBride
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — When Sir Nicholas Goodison announced in July that he had reached a settlement that would end the government's restraint-of-trade suit against the London Stock Exchange, a collective sigh of relief went up from the financial community.

The feeling was short-lived. After a closer look at what Sir Nicholas, the exchange's chairman, had agreed to carry out, the relief turned to concern, then to vague anxiety and finally to something near panic. "It was not a universal welcome," Sir Nicholas, 49 years old, acknowledged in an interview this week.

Yet, the agreement holds the promise of finally dispelling the cloud that has hung over the exchange since the Office of Fair Trade initiated its investigation in 1979. Next Tuesday, the changes required by the agreement will be put to a vote of the exchange's 4,000 members.

Sir Nicholas is betting that the proposals will be ratified by the required 75 percent of the membership. "I shall be sorely disappointed if they don't," he said.

Most members of London's financial community are betting with Sir Nicholas. They are also betting on his ability to guide the exchange and its diverse interests through a period that is likely to see substantial changes in the structure of the exchange. "If anybody can do it, we can. We've been lucky to have him there," said an official who has been close to the talks.

The agreement between Sir Nicholas and the Department of Trade and Industry committed the exchange to ending minimum commissions and opening the governing council to nonexchange members.

The most important change is that the single-capacity system in effect will be replaced by a tiered system. Subsequent to the agreement, the exchange will be split into three categories: a tier for retail investors, a tier for professional investors and a tier for institutional investors.

Sir Nicholas is less alarmed. "I don't foresee the kind of slaughter that took place in the United States," he said. "People exaggerate the similarities between Wall Street and London."

Neither does he share the view that negotiated commissions will lead inevitably to a breakdown in the exchange's split-trading system, called "single-capacity." Under this 75-year-old system, only "jobbers" are allowed to buy and sell shares for their own accounts as

desirable and as long as the members desire.

To keep track of how the change in the commission structure is affecting trading, a monitoring committee has been set up that includes representatives of the Bank of England, the Department of Trade and Industry and the exchange. The Bank of England is expected to ask the exchange for detailed information on commissions and to watch closely for any increase in trading away from the floor of the exchange. It will also watch for signs that the new competitive situation is undermining the financial health of members.

Indeed, the new competitive situation may test the financial structure of British brokerage firms. Compared with U.S. firms, the resources of British brokerages are meager.

Part of the reason is a web of rules on liability and ownership. Members face unlimited liability for their firms' debts, a stricture that has encouraged smallness. And a rule that limits nonmember ownership in member firms to 29 percent has restricted the brokerages' ability to seek outside capital.

Changes on liability and related rules are "firmly on the agenda for debate," Sir Nicholas said. But the exchange has no plans to alter the 29.9-percent rule, a change that might encourage banks and insurance companies to get into the brokerage business.

Sir Nicholas said the government has applied no pressure for the exchange to loosen its ownership constraints. But the Bank of England is thought to take a less firm position on the issue, leaving open the possibility that in the future it may support changes allowing British financial concerns to broaden their activities.

For Sir Nicholas, "the most important question" that the government must ask itself now is, "To what extent do they want the traditional lines of demarcation to be maintained?" He notes that in such countries as West Germany, banks have come to dominate the stock market to the point that the capital markets have remained comparatively small in relation to the economy.

Unlike many in London's close-knit financial community, Sir Nicholas does not see the proposals being put before the membership next week as a prelude to revolutionary change. Over the long term, he sees "evolutionary change." In the short term, he sees "concern, worry, debate and quite a lot of maneuvering."

Christopher W. McMahon, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and Robert Triffin, Professor of Economics at the University of Louvain.

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Lloyd's Sets New Disclosure Rules For Underwriters Following Scandal

By Barnaby J. Feder
New York Times Service

LONDON — Continuing its effort to shake off the impact of last year's scandals, Lloyd's of London has announced new financial disclosure rules for underwriters working at the insurance exchange. It also said that it will acquire Toplis & Harding Inc., a Chicago-based claims adjuster.

Toplis, which has been doing business with Lloyd's members for nearly all of its 60-year history, will be purchased for \$10 million from Employers Reinsurance Corp., a subsidiary of Getty Oil Co., the announcement Tuesday said.

The acquisition of Toplis is Lloyd's first direct investment in the United States and is intended to end years of complaints about delays in handling claims in North America, according to Ian Davison, Lloyd's chief executive.

About 40 percent of the premium income earned at Lloyd's, about \$1 billion last year, comes from the United States and another 10 percent from Canada.

The new disclosure rules approved Tuesday by the governing council went further than recommended by a study committee set up in the wake of the scandals, which involved a variety of practices that appeared to benefit underwriters at the expense of the syndicates of individual investors they represent.

The investors, known as "names," pledge their wealth to pay off claims against policies accepted on their behalf in the giant Lloyd's trading room by the underwriters, some of whom were said to have directed lucrative policies to syndicates in which they had special interests or to offshore reinsurance companies in which they were investors or officers.

The new disclosure rules will give both the names and the public an unprecedented amount of information about the inner workings of the insurance market and the outside business interests of the underwriters, their relatives and their business associates.

For instance, in the past an underwriter might reveal a large proportion of the insurance he had accepted to an offshore insurance company in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands or some similar tax haven, in which the underwriter or other members of his firm had an interest.

Before promulgation of the new rules, investors would not have known of the interest in the offshore companies. The new rule is intended to make sure that any such investments can be defended as sound reinsurance practices by making it clear where the underwriters' outside interests might also be involved.

The study committee had recommended that only the names of the companies in which underwriters had outside interests be disclosed.

The ruling council decided, however, that the exact financial stake involved in those interests also be disclosed.

"We are unwrapping the lot,"

said Mr. Davison, the former accounting executive brought in last winter to run Lloyd's as part of the reform. "Two years ago, it would have been unthinkable."

The incident that led to the changes involved Ian Pogatetz, Lloyd's most successful underwriter, and fellow executives in the Alexander Howden Group. When Howden was taken over last year by Alexander & Alexander, the American company discovered questionable deals and accounting practices that forced it to add \$30 million to Howden's reserves.

Similar problems with other syndicates soon arose, leading to a wave of administrative and regulatory reforms, all self-imposed in order to discourage the government from moving to end three centuries of self-regulation.

Daiwa and Tubel Set Up Joint Firm in Belgium

Reuters

TOKYO — Daiwa Steel Tube Industries Co. announced Wednesday that it and Tubel, a Belgian steel tube maker, have set up a joint venture company in Mons, Belgium, to produce oxygen lance pipes to be used for steel-making furnaces.

Capitalized at \$50 million Belgian francs (\$917,000), the joint company, called Dautube, is 51 percent owned by Daiwa, 46 percent by Tubel and 3 percent by Societe Regionale d'Investissement de Wallonie.

Brazil wants to renegotiate \$3.5 billion in debt principal due next year and extend the period for repayment of \$6.5 billion in new bank loans announced at a meeting last month of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, Mr. Ferreira said.

The study, which is to be completed next spring, was endorsed last week by the bank's board of governors at its joint annual meeting with the International Monetary Fund, its sister lending institution of the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference.

It is part of the planning by the World Bank for longer-range solutions to the problems of indebtedness worldwide. More than \$700 billion is owed by developing and East European countries to foreign creditors.

To one of the governors, R.D. Muldoon, prime minister and minister of finance of New Zealand, such an approach is necessary to bring an institution "of the 1940s

into the 1980s and the 21st century."

World Bank Initiates Study of Needs In Advance of Bid to Build Its Capital

By Clyde H. Farnsworth
New York Times Service

BRASILIA — The World Bank, the biggest single source of money for debt-plagued countries of the Third World, has begun a broad country-by-country analysis of their needs that would serve as a guide to increasing the bank's capital.

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The World Bank assists projects such as irrigation, agricultural stations, harbors, roads and schools that strengthen an economy over the longer term and give it the earning capacity to pay for necessary imports and the servicing of its debt.

The finance ministers and central bank governors from the 146 member countries focused much of their attention on the immediate financial needs of the IMF, which is itself short of cash, not only because of the heavy demands placed on it recently but because of a delay in Congress in approving additional funds for the fund.

The governors also endorsed efforts by bank's president, A.W. Clausen, to start the long process of negotiations for a capital increase

that would govern lending in the second half of the 1980s and beyond.

Last year, the bank committed loans totaling \$1.5 billion, including \$3.3 billion made by its affiliate, the International Development Association, which makes interest-free loans to 50 of the poorest countries, and \$845 million by the International Finance Corp., which supports private enterprise in 80 countries.

Mr. Clausen and his associates plan to increase loans by about 5 percent a year, but at that rate lending will near the bank's ceiling by 1986.

The bank's rules prevent it from lending more than its capital and reserves. By 1986, paid-in and pledged capital by the members will total \$80 billion, barring capital from other sources.

The bank, under the control of its vice president, Luis May, since Monday's arrest of Mr. Gonzalez del Solar, the country's central bank president, was freed without being charged, following his arrest Monday on orders of a judge investigating alleged irregularities in foreign-debt rescheduling negotiations, finance ministry sources said.

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Argentina Orders New Restraints on Foreign Exchange

Reuters

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's central bank has ordered commercial banks to stop accepting foreign currency in cash for transfer abroad, banking sources said Wednesday.

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3 Eurobonds Totaling \$250 Million Launched

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Three dollar Eurobonds worth a total \$250 million and a warrant issue to buy \$100 million worth of bonds were launched Wednesday amid reports that a \$500-million jumbo issue for Canada was waiting in the wings.

At the same time, West German bankers announced they would market six issues worth 950 million Deutsche marks in the month to Nov. 8, slightly more than the 780 million DM launched in the month ended Tuesday.

The talk of the dollar market was a \$100-million, 10-year offering from Rio Tinto-Zinc. The issue which was originally intended to be for \$150 million had to be cut due to market resistance to the tight terms — a coupon of 11½ percent offered at par.

Gasmic of the Netherlands tapped the market for \$75 million. Its seven-year notes bearing a coupon of 11¼ percent were priced at 99¾ and were quoted at 98¾.

Farm Credit Corp. of Canada also offered 10-year bonds, the issue was smaller — only \$75 million — and priced slightly more generously at a discount of 99¾, bearing a coupon of 11½ percent. The bonds were quoted at a discount of 11 points.

The warrants were bought by a "club" of eight banks and were initially offered at \$20 apiece. Investors buying the warrant at that price and later exercising it would

effectively be paying \$1,020 for each \$1,000 bond, reducing the yield to maturity to 11.22 percent.

The expected Canadian issue is expected to be for five years and carry a coupon of 11 percent.

In the DM sector, the calendar opens next week with a 100 million DM private placement for the European Investment Bank. On Oct. 12, the Asian Development Bank will offer 200 million DM; Oct. 17 Finland will offer 150 million DM; Oct. 20 the Council of Europe will sell 150 million DM.

The underlying bond will have a maturity of 15 years, will be callable only after 10 years and then at a premium of 102%. A sinking fund starting in the ninth year will produce an average life of 12 years.

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New York Times Service

DETROIT — The Big Three automakers ended the 1983 model year with a 16.7 percent increase in sales, according to company figures. It was the first time since 1978 that the companies have been able to report a year-to-year improvement in sales.

The increase in sales of the three companies, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, has brought a dramatic turnaround in the financial outlook for the industry, which reported combined losses of more than \$8 billion during 1979, 1980 and 1981. The increased sales, combined with new labor contracts and other cost-cutting measures have led analysts to estimate that the three companies will report combined earnings of about \$5 billion for the 1983 calendar year.

"The main element of strength in the model year was the pickup in economic activity," said Harvey Heinbach, an automotive analyst with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

Auto industry executives say they expect the sales improvement to continue through the 1984 model year, with most forecasting total car sales of between 10 million and 10.5 million. Total sales of domestic and foreign cars for the 1983 model year were 8,795,708, a substantial increase over the 7,682,209 sold in the 1982 model year.

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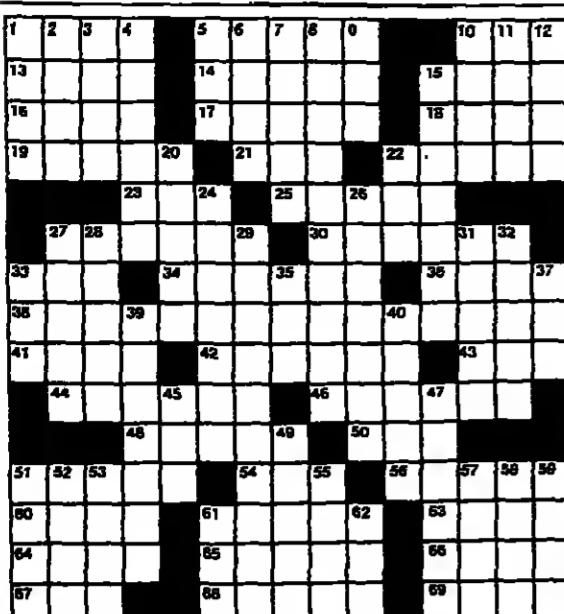
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TIPOLE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:



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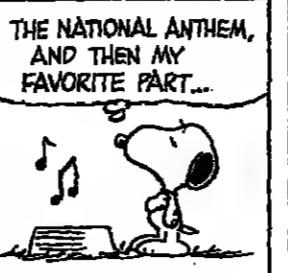
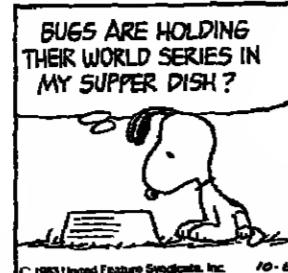
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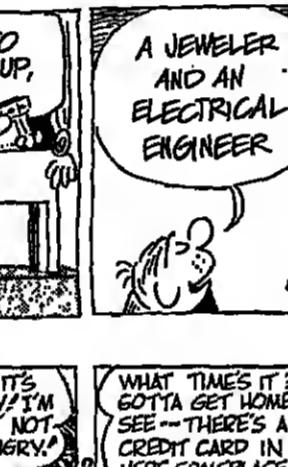
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BOOKS

OUR ENDANGERED CHILDREN:
Growing Up in a Changing World

By Vance Packard. 385 pp. \$18.95.

Little, Brown, 34 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02106.

Reviewed by Phyllis Theroux

food served in school cafeterias to the impact of custody fights upon children is included and researched. He attempts, with some success, to offer solutions to obvious problems, sometimes with too obvious answers.

In his chapter "Nine Adult Skills That Help Children Thrive," Packard says, without tongue in cheek, that "a skillful child developer does a lot of interacting with the child, especially verbal interacting." But it would be inaccurate to say that Packard simply restates the obvious with a few statistics to support it. The trouble with the book is with the size of the dragon Packard is attempting to define.

On the one hand, Packard concludes that the healthiest child lives in a house with a front porch, in a small community, with two parents, a supportive school system, and only five hours of television on the weekends. On the other hand, he is well aware that only a handful of parents, mostly affluent, can pull this off. And so he proposes alternative solutions, examining day care, joint custody, playground school and work programs — as they exist in isolated parts of the United States or abroad. But in the main, Packard is an ecologist on a field trip, examining the evidence surrounding normal children who are not growing well.

I wished, without wishing to depress myself further, that Packard had examined the correlation between families with strong religious affiliations and strong children. There is no particular attention given to the underlying values that the United States subconsciously espouses at the expense of its children. The same altars we have traditionally worshiped before — Money, Power and Influence — are still in place, at least in large cities. An interesting statistic uncovered by Packard is that children in rural areas are less bored than children in urban areas.

In conclusion, "Our Endangered Children" is a book that can be used by a lot of people — parents, educators, analysts and public policy makers — to good advantage. But I could not read too far without having to check my instinct to go upstairs — to see if my children were all right.

Phyllis Theroux, the author of "California and Other States of Grace," writes frequently about children. She wrote this review for The Washington Post.

Henry VIII's Flagship Goes on Public Display

United Press International

PORSCHE, England — The wreck of King Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose, which sank in 1545 and was raised to the surface last year, has gone on public display for the first time.

"Nearly half the children born in the last few years will spend a portion of their lives living in a one-parent household . . ."

"Now only a minority of families eat a supper together around a table." (Half of those sit before a television set in a darkened room.)

"Roughly a third of U.S. schools actually inflict psychic harm on pupils."

"Only 5 percent of U.S. children see a grandparent regularly."

"Nearly a quarter of all preschoolers and nearly 40 percent of all grade school children still are watching TV between nine and ten at night."

Packard's book is not simply a catalog of disasters, although everything from the junk

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

a low diamond, aiming to reach dummy with the jack.

It did not matter what West did, but he chose to take his ace and lead another trump. Now South had the lead in dummy, and could run the club pair, picking up the queen to make his doubleton.

This communication-cutting play of the spade king is sometimes known as the scorsy coup. Oddly enough, a similar play was possible for East-West on the same deal.

At one table West played five spades doubled and received a diamond lead. He should have played a club at an early stage to cut the defenders' communication. When he failed to do so, North eventually had the opportunity to

underlead his club ace, and South was able to defeat the contract with a third round of diamonds.

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X K 10 4
A Q 10 9
Q 7 5
A Q 6 5

EAST
X Q 9 7 5
A J 9 8
K 7 6
Q 6 4 3

SOUTH
Q 4
X Q 10 9 7 6 5
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Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:
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SPORTS

Phils Nip Dodgers on Schmidt's Homer and Shutout Pitching

Compiled by Our Staff Foreign Dispatchers

LOS ANGELES — The old men of the Philadelphia Phillies kept on winning Tuesday night when they took the opening game of the National League playoff by tying the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0.

It was a classic story line with proper heroes for the Phillies, who won 21 of their last 25 games in the

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

regular season. They took the lead off Jerry Reuss in the first inning on a home run by Mike Schmidt. Then they protected it through the relentless pitching of Steve Carlton and Al Holland.

So, having lost 11 of the 12 games they played against the Dodgers this season, the Phillies turned on their tormentors when it counted most: the night the playoffs

for the pennant began before 49,963 persons in Dodger Stadium, where they had not won a game all year.

The Phillies, who lost playoffs to the Dodgers in 1977 and 1978, will try to take a commanding lead Wednesday night. John Denny, who led the league with 19 victories, will pitch for Philadelphia against Fernando Valenzuela. The first team to win three games wins the pennant and enters the World Series next Tuesday against either the Baltimore Orioles or Chicago White Sox of the American League.

"It was a classic," said Tommy Lasorda, manager of the Dodgers. "Reuss pitched a great game, but just came up short. We had a couple of chances to score and didn't. Carlton pitched an overpowering game. He was the difference, and he will go down as one of the great pitchers in history."

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"Who would have thought," he added, lamenting the thought, "that Schmidt's home run in the first inning would have been all they needed to win?"

One man who thought so was Paul Owens, the general manager of the Phillies, who dismissed Pat Corrales as manager on July 18 and then took his place.

"I thought the way Carlton and Reuss were pitching, one run might be enough," Owens said. "We even decided before the game to go for one run early. And we got one."

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Carlton, who achieved his 300th career victory two weeks ago at the age of 39, guarded his lead like a miser. He pitched seven and two-thirds innings, allowing seven singles, walking two and striking out six batters. When the Dodgers finally mounted a threat by loading the bases with two down in the eighth, he was rescued by Holland, who saved 25 other games this season.

"The game," Reuss said, "was won with the one pitch. It was a good pitch, but he's a good batter."

Reuss can become a free agent this fall, threw the pitch in the first inning after he had retired two of the oldest leadoff men in the business — Joe Morgan, who is 40, and Pete Rose, who is 42. Then he went to a count of one ball and one strike to Schmidt and delivered a low fastball.

"Normally, that's a good pitch," Schmidt said later. "But not to me, because I am a notoriously good low-ball hitter."

He proved it again by driving the ball to straightaway center field; it cleared the fence at the 395-foot mark over a leaping Ken Landreaux. The story line for the rest of the evening was set.

Carlton, who has struck out 3,709 batters in his career, more than anybody in history, then played his part nobly.

Steve Sax got three singles off him. His first came leading off the opening inning, but Carlton picked him off first base and went on to retire the next seven batters. Later, he gave up singles in the third and fifth innings to Derrel Thomas, a switch-hitting replacement for Greg Brock, the left-handed rookie. Otherwise, Carlton kept strict order.

The Dodgers finally hatched a threat in the sixth, when Sax led off with a ground single to center. He was bunted to second by Bill Russell, and when a wild pitch by Carlton caromed off catcher Bo Diaz's shin guard and went to the backstop, Sax took a wide turn around third before going back as Diaz slid across the dirt to corral the ball.

"Yeah, I thought about going in," Sax said. "But I thought it was

too close a game with the guys coming up and needing just another wild pitch or a fly or a ground ball to get me in. Unfortunately, it didn't happen."

Dusty Baker popped up in front of the plate, Carlton himself grabbing the ball for the second out. The threat remained when Pedro Guerrero walked on a 3-2 pitch, putting two Dodgers on base for the first time. But Carlton fanned Mike Marshall on three pitches, the last a sinking slider, and the Phillies won 1-0.

It was close, but Holland escaped when Marshall hit a line drive to right field that was caught on the run by Silvio Lezano.

Carlton did all he could to make his game-deciding homer sound lucky. "I didn't pick up the first two pitches Reuss threw me at all — not at all," he said. "It's the first at-bat in the championship series and you've got some jitters. I just wanted to get the bat moving

"I thought Landreaux had it," said Schmidt of his drive. "I didn't know it was out until I saw the third base umpire signaling. So I hit a home run. If the pitch is a little bit in, maybe it breaks my bat. What did it go, 400 feet? In our ballpark, that's out."

Schmidt's view of things seemed for local consumption in the Philiac clubhouse.

"Who rose to the occasion?" he said, echoing a question. "The hitters? We got one run. You don't win many games with one run."

Prodigies his teammates is nothing new for the league's two-time most-valuable player. It was Schmidt who spoke out in early September, saying that the team had no direction under interim manager Owens. Immediately thereafter, the Phillies found a direction, onward and upward, winning 21 of their next 25 games.

"It was just a coincidence," said Rose, who looked like he wanted to win in the afterglow of Game 1. "I didn't even read what he said."

A pause.

"I wrote it."

Game 1

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Richard Noble on Nevada's Black Rock Desert course. The Associated Press

Briton Sets Speed Mark

United Press International

GERLACH, Nevada — British driver Richard Noble drove his jet-powered car 633.606 miles per hour (1,010.4 kph) across Black Rock Desert here Tuesday to set the world land-speed record. Noble's speed was roughly equal to that of a .45 caliber bullet.

"It was tremendous," Noble said after shattering Gary Gabelich's 13-year-old mark of 622.407. "It's just sinking in what we've done — for Britain and the hell of it. It's just damned good fun."

The record is taken from the average of two trips in opposite directions through a measured-mile course. Noble's first run was clocked at 624.241 mph. His second run speed was 642.971. The car raised a wall of dust 30 feet high and 10 miles long before being slowed by parachutes and finally halted by huge brakes on each of its four aluminum alloy wheels.

The vehicle is 27 feet long and weighs more than 8,000 pounds; except for two rear stabilizing fins, it stands less than five feet high. It is powered by a Rolls-Royce jet engine capable of generating more than 17,000 pounds of thrust.

British's Donald Campbell was the last non-American to hold the record when he hit 403.1 mph in his turbine-powered Bluebird in 1964. American Craig Breedlove had hit 407 mph the year before, but that was before jet-powered cars like Spirit of America were allowed in international competition.

American Stan Barrett has exceeded 700 mph in his rocket-powered Budweiser car, but was unable to conform to the official rules of the land speed competition and was denied any record.

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Keeping Your Innocence

WASHINGTON — I am constantly fascinated when I read in the newspapers that the Justice Department or a federal agency has just arrived at an agreement with a large company or powerful individual accused of wrongdoing.

The stories read something like this: "The Double Jeopardy Automobile Company agreed with the Justice Department not to manufacture any more of their Double Y cars without brake pedals. The company paid a \$50,000 fine, and said it would recall all Double Y cars now off the road that are missing the brake pedal. While paying the fine and making the recall, Double Jeopardy executives denied that there was a problem with the Double Y car, or a reason for the recall."

I consulted a lawyer friend to ask him exactly what it meant when the company was fined, agreed to recall all its cars, and still was able to maintain its innocence.

"They have to do that," he said. "Otherwise the company would open itself up to a lot of frivolous lawsuits."

"I understand that. But why would the government allow them to maintain their innocence when Double Jeopardy forgot to put a brake pedal on the car?"

"The government is more concerned with getting the cars fixed than punishing the company for incompetence. If they bring Double Jeopardy to trial it's going to take years to resolve the problem, and in the meantime a lot more people could get killed."

"Suppose the company knowingly was selling cars without brake pedals? Isn't that a criminal offense?"

"Possibly. But let's start at the beginning. Double Jeopardy puts our Double Y car without brake pedals. The engineering department catches it after the millionth car is on the market. They inform their salespeople, who tell them to shut up. Finally, the government safety people get wind of it and, after testing the vehicle for two years, come to the conclusion that



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the Double Y could cause a danger on the highway.

"They contact Double Jeopardy and say their data indicates the Double Y car may have a flaw in its braking system. The company responds by saying the safety agency did not test the car under road conditions, and the only time people have accidents in a Double Y car is when they try to stop it."

"The safety agency studies the data submitted by Double Jeopardy and concludes the only thing that can stop a Double Y car is a brick wall. In preparation for this negative reaction, Double Jeopardy has hired the best law firm in Washington. The lawyer calls his friends at Justice and says he is shocked that the auto safety agency would pick on an American car firm just as the economy is starting to shape up. He offers to meet with the Justice Department lawyer to work out an equitable solution. They make a date for a golf game at the Burning Tree Club."

"It sounds so civilized," I said. "It is. Usually by the ninth hole an agreement can be hammered out. In the case of the Double Y car, the Justice man says, because of the publicity, he can't look the other way and Double Jeopardy will have to be fined and go ahead with the car."

The lawyer for the company says this is all right with him, providing Double Jeopardy doesn't have to admit there is anything wrong with the car.

"The Justice Department lawyer says he is sure he can get the auto safety agency to agree to the stipulation, providing Double Jeopardy promises not to do it again."

"This is where I always get confused," I said. "Double Jeopardy agrees with the government there is a serious defect in the Double Y car, but doesn't have to admit it to its customers."

My lawyer friend said, "That's because you don't understand how the government and big business work. The government's job is to protect the consumer; the company's job is to protect their sales. As long as both sides sign an agreement that they know the company bounces, the law is satisfied without admitting it, and no one really gets hurt."

Chinese Pianist Resumes His Interrupted Career

By Harold C. Schonberg
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Yin Chengzong, who gave a Carnegie Hall piano recital on Sept. 28, comes from the People's Republic of China, and was briefly in the news in 1973, when the Philadelphia Orchestra — the first American orchestra ever to appear on the Chinese mainland — gave concerts in Beijing and Shanghai. Eugene Ormandy wanted to put some Chinese music on his program. But Chairman Mao was alive, the Cultural Revolution was still in progress, and there was not much to choose from. So, *sauve le mieux*, the "Yellow River" Concerto was selected.

Remember the "Yellow River" Concerto? It did have a brief vogue 10 years ago. It was one of those awful ideologically approved pieces of socialist-realism propaganda, but it was so bad it actually had kirsch value, and it did have a glittering and rather difficult piano part. Yin was the pianist selected by Ormandy to play it. That was only right, for Yin was one of the committee of composers who had written it. Another musician took care of the orchestration, a third of the ideological content, and there was a fourth mysterious presence who contributed something or other.

Anyway, it was clear at the rehearsals that Yin was no ordinary pianist. He blazed through the piano part with utter abandon and virtuosity. Too much abandon at times. Ormandy kept trying to hold him to a steady rhythm: "Look at me! Look at me!" he kept pleading. "Follow my beat! Don't jump ahead!" Yin would say yes, then get excited and forge ahead. After the last rehearsal Yin souffled gave Ormandy a promise. "I will look at you. I will look at you." Which he did, and the performances went splendidly.

It turned out that Yin had been a child prodigy, had studied in China with Russian teachers, had been sent to Leningrad for intensive study, had won a competition in Vienna and come in second at the 1962 Tchaikovsky competition.

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He clearly was talented, and was admitted to the Shanghai Conservatory, where he not only studied piano but also sang Schubert songs to his own accompaniment. He worked with a Russian teacher and, in 1959, won first prize at the World Youth Festival in Vienna. In 1960, he graduated from the Shanghai Conservatory and was sent to Leningrad. After taking second prize at the 1962 Tchaikovsky competition, he toured the Soviet Union. In 1963 he returned to China, joined the Central Philharmonic Society as soloist, and has held that position for three years.

He was born in 1941 in Fokien, a southern province of China. His home town was a very small island called Goolangyu in the East China Sea. It belongs to the big city of Amoy. It is famous as a "mystical island." My parents were not musical, but all my sisters and brothers liked music very much. My father, according to Chinese custom at that time, had two wives. My mother had 10 children. The other wife had five. I am the eighth child of my mother."

Yin goes on to tell about his half-brothers and half-sisters. All studied in the United States about 30 years ago. The youngest half-brother, who is 77, now lives in California. But Yin's mother, now 76, still lives in her home town. Several of Yin's half-brothers and half-sisters became professional musicians. As a child, Yin sang in churches, started piano around the age of 6 and sought competent

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many concerts. But he did hear

Alicia de Larrocha at a Mostly

Mozart concert, and loved every

note of it. Then he heard Magda Tagliari, the venerable Brazilian-French pianist, and was so

impressed by the elegance of her

style that he sought her out,

played for her and got a few les-

sons.

He is not entirely unsophisti-

cated musically, even though a

good chunk of his professional

life was removed during the Cul-

tural Revolution. In Russia he

went to some kind of musical

event every night — the opera,

concerts, chamber music and

symphony. He heard the greatest

of Soviet artists and was especi-

ally impressed — as who isn't?

— by Emil Gilels and Sviatoslav

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Pianist Yin: No more "Yellow River Concertos."

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